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## Saints and Westad set to get nod

### See you in '82

This is the last edition of "Soccer Action" for 1981. It has been an eventful year for soccer — even though it hasn't all been rosy — and we have been there to chronicle it for our sixth season.

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Have a happy festive season. See you in late January.

By LAURIE SCHWAB and CRAIG MACKENZIE

West Adelaide Hellas and St George Budapest are hot favorites to fill the two national league vacancies when the ASF executive meets on November 7.

Other applicants include Blacktown, Melbourne Croatia, Green Gully-Ajax and Sydney Croatia.

Sydney Croatia won the NSW State League championship and therefore should be first in line to fill the vacancy left by

Blacktown's relegation, but Croatia is reluctant to comply with the league's directive to change its name.

West Adelaide has finished in the relegation zone for the second successive year, but the league seems to regard other Adelaide clubs as unsuitable replacements.

Melbourne Croatia will back up its application for PSL membership by signing former coach Mijo Kiss as full time manager and using Olympic Park No. 1 ground with its recent \$4.45 million facelift.

Croatia also will offer to play four PSL games next year at the multi million dollar training complex in Geelong in keeping with the ASF's policy favoring decentralisation.

The club's name was changed from Essendon Croatia to Melbourne Croatia at last week's Victorian State League Board of Management meeting but should Croatia be accepted into the national league it is prepared to be known simply as Melbourne.

This would bring Croatia into line with the ASF's controversial policy against the use of ethnic club names.

Kiss coached Croatia from 1968 to 1972 when the club was expelled from the VSF. Croatia won the State League championship, Dockerty, Ampel and State League Cups in that period.

Kiss also has coached Sydney Croatia.

Kiss will start his duties as full time manager shortly. The club hopes to make an announcement soon, concerning its first team coach for season 1982.

Croatia's move toward a manager and coach set-up is in keeping with accepted practice in professional clubs overseas.

### Slavia seeks a 'partner'

Slavia continues negotiating for amalgamation with another Victorian club.

However, Slavia denies that it is about to sell out to Chilean club Hotham United for \$35,000, as reported in the Melbourne Press at the weekend.

Slavia has negotiated with Hotham, AR Split and Clarinda.

Instead of selling out, however, it wants to link up with another club and have representation on the new committee.



Croatia striker Dave Brogan holds up three fingers to signify the number of goals he scored against Croydon last Sunday.

## Quin a threat but Croatia for Cup

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Croatia should win the final of the Victorian State League Cup against Doveton at Olympic Park on Saturday night. It kicks off at about 8.30pm.

Green Gully Ajax and Croydon play in the curtain raiser to decide third and fourth places. That game kicks off at 6.45pm.

Without arch rival Ajax the path to clinching the State League Cup is almost clear for Croatia.

Doveton stands in the way but it's hard to see the Doves catching Croatia too far forward like Ajax was caught on Sunday.

Steve Bone's big and he hustles about up front but he won't get much change out of "Butch" Kokoska. Bone won't beat Kokoska in the air and on the ground the Croatia stopper is faster and recovers better.

Steve Irvine's danger to Croatia. I wasn't impressed with Irvine against Ajax but I've got no doubts about his ability when he's fully fit and decides to turn it on.

Alan Quin stayed wide and his disposal sank Ajax. His pace carried him past Ajax defenders crazy enough to charge in and commit themselves against him.

Quin looked at home on the wide open spaces of Olympic Park's No 1. He probably will start off on the left again on Saturday night's final which means that Steve Short will

pick him up. Their tussle will have an important bearing on Doveton's ability to create chances.

No doubt the Doves will concentrate upon getting as many men as possible behind the ball early whenever Croatia is in possession.

Ernie Merrick's the boss at the back and he'll be called upon to give good cover to his fellow defenders assigned the daunting tasks of tagging Dave Brogan and Carl Gilder.

Should Gilder play as target man with Brogan working off him it's likely that Paul Corke will mark Gilder.

The big question facing Danny McMinimee, Doveton's interim coach, is who to pick as Brogan's marker.

Should McMinimee select either young Gengiz Mustapha or Gary Porter then on paper at least it would appear to be a mismatch.

Brogan's got ball skills to burn, vision and one hell of a finish. We saw all of these attributes on Sunday and a repeat performance would give Croatia the cup.

But the pressure is on Croatia to perform. With Ajax out of the running Croatia enters Saturday night's game as a firm odds on favorite, a situation on the Croatia players haven't experienced for quite a few weeks.

I expect them to come up trumps though.

## TEAMS FOR THE FINAL

Likely line-ups for Saturday night's cup final:

### CROATIA

Elvio  
PUGLIESE

Steve  
SHORT

Steve  
KOKOSKA

Danny  
RAMLIJAK

Keith  
ADAMS

Alan  
KERR

Kenny  
MURPHY

Danny  
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Dave  
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Carl  
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Steve  
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### DOVETON

Lou  
IVANOFF

Gengiz  
MUSTAPHA

Ernie  
MERRICK

Paul  
CORKE

Gary  
PORTER

Gordon  
BENTLEY

Peter  
THURLOW

Arthur  
CHERRIE

Steve  
IRVINE

Steve  
BONE

Alan  
QUIN

Australian player of the year Bobby Russell (right) of Adelaide City Juventus, takes the ball away from former Soccerroo team mate Steve Perry of Brisbane City in a league match.

## Bobby Russell nation's best

Bobby Russell will have a pleasant surprise waiting for him in Adelaide when he returns from the U.K. where he is trying to break into the big time.

The tough full back from Adelaide City was voted Australian Player of the Year by Press at a gala function in Melbourne last Wednesday.

And David Mitchell made it a double for Adelaide City by being named Best Under 21 Player.

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Under 21 Player of the Year David Mitchell.



# Gabor best, then Julio Cesar

I was extremely pleased that Rumania's Romulus Gabor won the award as best player of the world youth championships. He certainly was my choice.

I talked with him at some length and found him a very modest person, yet also confident in his own ability. He has reason to be.

I've never seen a player more adept at taking effective free kicks with either foot. He scored twice with free kicks against Uruguay and once with a free kick against England, against which he also hit the post.

And his other skills are first-rate as well. Against the English, who try never to let you turn, he faced his opponents in a flash, in one sharp movement. Throughout the series, defenders were terrified of him, whenever he had the ball.

I didn't get the chance to see Uruguay or Poland, so I am not in a position to assess their players, although I have no doubt they had a few outstanding individuals.

So my second choice is the elegant Brazilian midfielder Julio Cesar. He has all the flair and skill one would expect of Brazilian players, but on top of that he is a brilliant tackler as well. He would have put in more tackles than the rest of the Brazilians combined, and he was unbelievably cool and composed.

My third choice is Roland Wohlfarth, the German No. 11. He was fearless, utterly fearless, he was uncompromising, direct and very fast. He had the ability to take men on and beat them. In short, he typified all the qualities that make German soccer successful at international level.

While Wohlfarth led the attack, Michael Zorc excelled in the sweeper's position. A very disciplined player, he always was there to do the right thing

at the right time and his great skill and vision enabled him to build up play constructively out of defence.

There has to be an Australian among the stars of this series, and as far as I'm concerned, the best of them was striker Mark Koussas, who won the award as top scorer of the championships.

He reminds me of Dave Keddie and Mike Denton, the former Socceros — both dynamite in the box.

You can't give Koussas an inch, otherwise he'll make you pay for it in a flash, the way he did against England. The aim of the game is to score goals, and Koussas can do that better than most. I'm sure that every team in the tournament would have been pleased to have Koussas.

Of course that brilliant forward from Cameroon, Ernest Ebongue, has to be among the all-stars. He showed that good players are not always the result of disciplined coaching. No, Ebongue is a completely natural player. He doesn't give two hoots. He takes you on, and he's off. He's relaxed, flamboyant, in short — brilliant.

Of the goalkeepers, I'm sure everyone would choose Lovas of Rumania and Vollborn of Germany — by far the best in the series. Lovas saved Rumania from defeat against Uruguay, Vollborn was a tower of strength, especially in the air.

I and a few colleagues including Doug Utjesenovic and Ottie Abonyi, made a detailed study of the teams, the coaching, and the general management of the sides.

Out of that, I gained tre-



**RALE RASIC**

mendous respect for Dietrich Weise of Germany and Evaristo of Qatar — the top coaches in the series, as far as I'm concerned.

The contrast between their styles is interesting.

Weise had everything down to an orderly, punctual plan, his training was direct, predictable but of course very effective. Everything, including the timing of meals, was spotted.

Evaristo's training was more flamboyant, well related to the personality of the people he coached — looser, more skill-based if you like.

Weise had not wanted to bring his team to this tournament, explaining there was insufficient time to prepare properly. Yet, remarkably, he managed to improve his team from game to game despite

the lack of earlier preparation. In the end, the Germans were in full flight, playing an intelligent, highly tactical game which won it the world title.

But Evaristo's success probably is even more significant than Weise's. They say that money incentives had a lot to do with Qatar's success, but other Arab countries also have money and they could not achieve what Evaristo did. Let's remember that Don Revie was lured to the United Arab Emirates for a fortune.

It is Evaristo however, who has the score on the board. He did it with dedication, shrewdness, and an appreciation of the mentality of the men he managed.

Evaristo addressed a FIFA seminar of coaches during the series, and he was fascinating. We asked him how he managed to communicate with the players, as he is a Brazilian. He said he speaks to them in his halting English. Their English isn't good either, so they communicate at the same level.

Yet, Evaristo definitely was the champion coach of the world championship.

And we must give special mention to the four underdogs, Egypt, Qatar, Cameroon and Australia, who shook the world during the series. No-one had expected them to be able to produce so much against the traditional giants of the sport.

There were of course, faults about the championships and its organisation. It was unforgivable, for example, that Channel 10 flashed onto the screen that Luis Menotti was coaching the Argentine youth team, and that Brazil's Vava was coach of Rumania.

Getting back to the FIFA coaching seminar, which was addressed also by Walter Winterbottom and Prof. Jose Bonetti of Brazil, it was disappointing that only five PSL coaches chose to attend.

We had openings for 32 people, so each PSL club could have sent two. It was a great opportunity to talk to some leading coaches from overseas, including of course Weise and Evaristo, and it's a chance that never will come again.

Spare a thought for West Adelaide, Azzurri, Blacktown, St George and Sydney Croatia as they await a decision of promotion and relegation.

The decision won't be made until November 7 — a ridiculously long delay. Everyone at those clubs is in limbo, knowing not what will happen next year.

So long for now. Have a good break, and I'll look forward to seeing you again in 1982.

## Nick Cook returns

Former Green Gully Ajax and Sunshine midfielder Nick Cook has returned to Victoria and is seeking a club.

Cook has finished a stint with Tasmanian club Rapid West Point. He can be contacted by phoning Alex Alekic on 363 1023.

Cook, 26, was Rapid's top scorer this year. He also has played with another Tasmanian club, White Eagles.

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## Here's our team of the tournament

"Soccer Action" writers have chosen an all-star eleven from among the players who competed in the world youth championships.

The all-star line-up is:

WINKLHOFER (W. Germany)	ZORC (W. Germany)	ANDONE (Rumania)	NELSINHO (Brazil)
KAY (Australia)	JULIO CESAR (Brazil)	FRANCESCO LI (Uruguay)	
AMER (Egypt)	EBONGUE (Cameroon)	GABOR (Rumania)	



Rumania's flying winger Romulus Gabor (right) the outstanding player of the world youth championships, rounds an English opponent.

## Sir Arthur meets the Asian bosses

By TED SIMMONS

Australia plans to become more closely involved with Asian and Pacific countries in future international soccer tournaments.

Sir Arthur George, president of the Australian Soccer Federation, said he had made an approach to Asian officials to shorten the Merdeka tournament from its present 25 days to nine days.

"The tournament is held during the latter stages of our season, which has prevented Australia competing in the past because of complications caused by players being absent for nearly four weeks at a vital stage."

"If we can influence Asian officials in shortening the tournament, it will be of great assistance in getting Australia to compete," he said.

Sir Arthur suggested Australia would benefit from establishment of a tournament in this country similar to Merdeka, where teams compete by invitation.

The World Youth Championship in Australia was a great success, but it will only be successful for soccer if we learn the lessons from it," he said.

Sir Arthur listed as examples the use of youth, restriction of imports, cutting out exhibition tours, and implementing special programmes of competitive international football from time to time in Australia.

The Australian Youth team, which has just completed a four-nation tournament in Peking, was nominated by Sir Arthur to become the national squad.

"The addition of some of the younger players from the former national squad will give us greater depth and experience," he added.

Australian coach, Les Scheinflug, welcomed the two trophies awarded to the young Socceros as a just reward for their hard work. Australia won the Fair Play Trophy, and Mark Koussas the Golden Shoe as leading goal-scorer.

There were a lot of hard,

aggressive tackles from opposing teams during the tournament but the players did not complain or retaliate," said Scheinflug.

"The fact that we gained two prestigious trophies from our first World Youth Championship tournament is a tremendous achievement, and an encouragement to fair play."

ASF secretary, Brian Le Fevre, revealed that a total of 28,380 people had attended the 32 matches of the Youth championships, and only rain prevented an expected 40,000 crowd for the final in Sydney.

He agreed with Sir Arthur that soccer has to do something next year to retain the interest flowing from the tournament.

"We have learned a tremendous amount from this experience, and maybe a tournament or a visit by overseas youth teams will be the follow-

up needed to capitalise on the WYC success."

Le Fevre said he was pleased with the spectator total, and that all of the budgeted items of income and expenditure appear to be accurate.

"I will now the gross income later this week, but we haven't got into trouble in conducting the championship, which many people thought was a gamble," he stated.

"It appears the ASF probably will make a small profit, but this is not possible to gauge at this stage with a million dollar turnover and so many accounts still to check and pay."

He believed too much emphasis had been placed on the Sydney crowd disturbances, pointing out there were no problems at any other game, and the conduct of the spectators generally was exemplary.

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Coach of the year, Eddie Thomson



Mr Ted Meijerink (right) of Philips Industries presents the Philips Shield to Mr Andrew Lederer (left) of 1981 PSL champion Sydney City Hakoah.

# Russell, Mitchell win top awards

**Bobby Russell of Adelaide City Juventus is the 1981 Australian Soccer Player of the Year.**

Votes for the award, cast by soccer writers, were counted at the Wentworth Hotel in Melbourne last Wednesday.

Russell's Adelaide City team mate David Mitchell won the award for Best Under 21 Player, donated by "Soccer Action".

Eddie Thomson was named Coach of the Year for having steered Sydney City Hakoah to its second successive championship and Tim Davies of Sydney is Referee of the Year.

The Umbro prize for the best soccer photograph of 1981

went to Anton Cermak of the "Sydney Morning Herald" for a picture he took during the pre-season charity game between Marconi and Sydney City.

The Player of the Year award, in its fifth year, is organised by the Australia Soccer Press Association.

Previous winners are: 1977 Jimmy Rooney (then Marconi); 1978 Ken Boden (then Newcastle); 1979 Ivo Prskalo (Marconi); 1980 Jim Hermiston (Brisbane Lions). Russell, who joined Adelaide City from Sydney Croatia a few years ago, plays right back or stopper.

He won the award with 30

points, one more than Ian Souness of Sydney City, and two more than Phil O'Connor of APIA.

Russell is a former Soccer, having played for Australia in its 2-1 victory over New York Cosmos, and also having toured China and Taiwan with the national squad in 1979.

Unfortunately neither Russell, Mitchell nor Thomson were present to accept their awards.

Russell is trailing overseas, and Mitchell is in China with the national youth squad.

Their absence was unavoidable, but "Soccer Action" editor Laurie Schwab, making one of the awards, expressed the sentiments of the Soccer Press Association when he asked clubs in future to make sure that they send more players to the function.

"This night is for the players, not for the officials," he said. "In future years, leave some of the officials at home and bring the players instead."

Only Sydney City (Boden, Kosmina, Spanos, Souness) and of course the Melbourne clubs which didn't have to pay for air fares, were adequately represented by players.

Voting details.

Souness 29, P. O'Connor 28, J. Watson 27, P. Burrows 27, A. Evans 22, P. Raskopolous 23, M. Crook 22, D. Mitchell 22, J. Hermiston 21, B. Wilson (Leichhardt) 21, B. Nyakohia 20, T. Byrne 20, D. Boland 20, Z. Lujic 19, A. Bertogna 19, G. Woodhouse 19, C. Bennett 18, A. Brennan 18, D. Jovanovic 18, P. Katholos 16, J. Djordjevic 15, J. Kosmina 15, J. Senkalski 15, S. Selva 15, W. Degraaf 15, J. Yzendoorn 15, P. Ollection 14, Z. Ilaski 14, P. Ontong 14, G. Byrne 13, M. Soper 13, J. Perin 13, D. Brown 13, M. Coe 13, J. Ziras 13, S. Hozowski 12, J. Lathan 12, R. Drinkwater 12, L. Gaffney 12, A. Mariani 11, P. Tredinnick 11, A. Maher 11, B. James 11, B. Buljevic 11, P. Boyle 11, G. Cole 11, W. Williamson 10, A. McMillan 10, J. Dunne 10.

## UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

D. Mitchell 34, J. Petkas 29, S. Blair 26, J. Spanos 23, B. Cozzella 21, P. Raskopolous 19, C. Yankos 17, C. Villani 17, P. Katholos 17, T. Forde 14, R. Wheatley 14, P. Wilson (Sydney Olympic) 12, M. Soper 11, C. Daunt 11, H. Tredinnick 10, I. McKie 10.

REFEREE OF THE YEAR  
T. Davies average 7.75%, J. Faam 7.58%, D. Campbell 7.51%, D. Nugent 7.50%, P. Rampley 7.46%, C. Bambridge 7.38%, E. Venois 7.37%, A. Boskovic 7.36%, R. Moe 7.15%, S. Mellings 7.15%.



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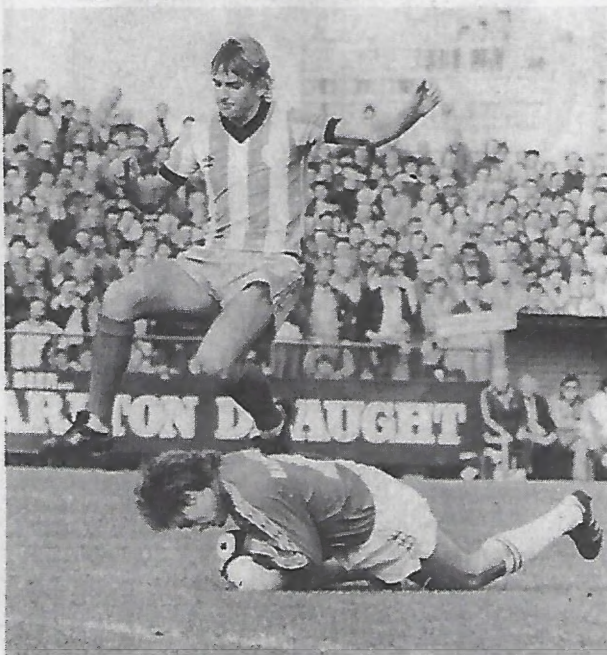
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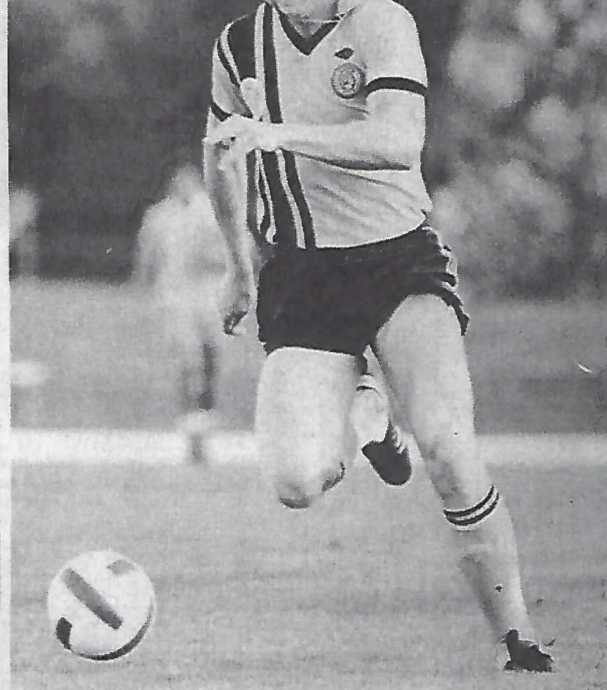
John Kosmina, now with his third national league club, hurdles South Melbourne goalkeeper Peter Laumets. Kosmina scored 11 league goals this year, giving him a total of 38.



Peter Sharne of Marconi.



Brisbane City striker Barry Kelso (right) gets past Shrags Topaz. Kelso has 32 goals over five seasons.



Gary Cole (above) of Heidelberg has increased his lead among the all-time top scorers of the national league by topping the season's list for the second time in a row.

Mark Jankovics, previously in second place, dropped down a rung, and Ken Boden, of Sydney City moved up to within one place of Cole, but a hefty 21 goals behind.



Alun Evans (left) of South Melbourne Hellas, in action against Macedonia. Evans's 14 goals for the season, gives him a total of 38 in national competitions.

League Cup											Top four				Total
	77	78	79	80	81	77	78	79	80	81	78	79	80		
G. Cole (H'berg)	11	11	10	21	16	3	2	0	1	1	0	5	4	85	
K. Boden (Newc & SC)	0	14	12	13	12	0	1	3	2	6	0	0	1	64	
M. Jankovics (Mar & St G)	4	9	18	16	6	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	60	
J. Nyskohus (AC)	9	7	7	12	9	0	2	7	4	0	0	0	0	57	
M. Barnes (SC)	12	4	7	10	11	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	0	51	
P. O'Connor (St G & APIA)	8	11	7	10	7	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	49	
P. Sharne (Marc)	9	6	10	8	6	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	47	
B. Buljevic (H & SM)	9	6	6	10	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	41	
E. Krncevic (Marc)	0	0	13	13	4	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	1	41	
J. Paton (H'berg)	0	0	11	15	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	
J. Kosmina (WA, AC & SC)	12	0	7	5	11	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	38	
A. Evans (SM)	0	6	7	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	38	
P. Ollerton (SM, M, F, P)	6	9	4	3	10	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	37	
T. Smith (SC)	14	5	10	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	
J. Campbell (H'berg)	6	12	2	8	6	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	36	
T. Byrne (Can)	0	9	9	8	2	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	34	
B. Kelso (BC)	0	5	6	9	4	0	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	32	
J. Deans (AC)	16	5	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	
C. Eaton (WS & SO)	7	14	7	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	
J. Stevenson (SC & SM)	5	5	5	8	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	29	
B. Northcote (SC)	7	4	5	2	6	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	28	
G. Byrne (Marc)	4	3	5	7	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	27	
D. Cummings (SM)	3	10	2	5	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	26	
J. Palinkas (F & BC)	6	4	7	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	24	
I. Souness (SC)	0	3	4	1	13	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	24	
P. Wilkinson (BC & Black)	0	0	0	0	9	12	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	24	
M. Trenter (SC & Newc)	0	4	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	23	
E. Campbell (M, SC, St G)	6	8	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	23	
G. Norris (WA & WS)	9	4	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	
A. Boztkas (H'berg)	3	3	2	5	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	
A. Mariani (Marc)	7	6	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	22	
W. Valeri (Can)	0	0	0	7	9	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	22	
J. Piccione (F & Marc)	5	4	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	
J. Watson (SC)	1	5	6	3	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	21	
G. Christopoulos (SM)	0	5	3	3	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	21	
I. Grujic (Can)	4	9	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	
J. Senkalski (SO, Newc)	4	3	2	3	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	
G. Heys (Newc)	0	0	6	8	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	

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# APIA stalemated for flying Phil O'Connor

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

APIA and former Soccerroo striker Phil O'Connor thought that I was joking when I rang him last week and said that I wanted to interview him for a "Soccer Action" feature.

"Hey, listen, is this a put up job or what," said O'Connor. I assured him that I genuinely was interested in interviewing him. We started the interview but after a couple of minutes O'Connor queried my credentials again.

"Who did you say you were and what paper are you working for?" I told O'Connor that I was with "Soccer Action" and we worked out of the magazine section of the Melbourne "Age". Listen this has got to be a put up job, said O'Connor. "Okay, my life's ambition is to play with whichever club Peter Hensman plays for because he's just so skilful and I really enjoy playing alongside him."

I started to wonder if this really was Phil O'Connor I was speaking to. Suddenly a spark of light was struck when O'Connor told me that during his playing days with St George he and Hensman were a couple of practical jokers. When St George was playing in Melbourne they would run in the team's hotel and pretend to be "Age" journalists.

"Hello, it's Jack Campbell from the 'Melbourne Age' here and I'd like to ask you a few questions."

The team mate on the other end of the phone would have to comment on the St George side and even on the coach. Often it was a rather embarrassing conversation but the joke backfired on Hensman one time. He asked his team mate to comment on the ability of Peter Hensman.

"He's quick but he's not got a lot of skill," was the reply. "Now that the mystic had cleared we settled into our discussion."

"Soccer Action" recently ran the story about South Melbourne Hellas's interest in signing O'Connor but the classy APIA winger denied

that he had been contacted by Hellas.

"No-one from Hellas has been in touch with me but I'd certainly move if the offer was right. My contract's up with APIA and we couldn't agree to terms for a new contract. I wanted this and the club offered that. The club said it wouldn't offer me more than what it offered so we've left the situation in a stalemate. Really APIA is leaving itself open to other clubs approaching me."

O'Connor was born in Essex in England. When he was 15 he signed as an apprentice with English Fourth Division club Southend. Brother Mick was in the Southend reserves then. "Southend was a run of the mill club really. It would go up into Third Division then drop back down to Fourth Division."

"I got my first game in the seniors when I was just 15.1 was pretty raw then and I used to play in midfield until I turned 17 when I was switched onto the wing. But my instructions were to hug the line and if you didn't see much of the ball, there wasn't much you could do about it."

"I remember playing against Millwall's veteran full back Harry Cribbs. He's just about to take a goal kick and I know he's going to play the ball short. So he says to me, 'Look at that aeroplane up there'. Like a berk I looked up and he took the short goalkick. Before I knew what had happened the ball was back in the Millwall keeper's hands. Like I said, I was pretty raw at the time."

"Ernie Shepherd was the manager when I first joined but he was sacked and Arthur Rowley took over. I knew the writing was on the wall for me. Rowley wanted me to stay on as an amateur rather than turn full time professional so I left Southend and joined Southern League club Bexley United."

"At the end of my first season with Bexley I had the chance to sign with Charlton Athletic or Luton Town. Wolves wanted me to trial too. The manager at Luton, Harry Haslam, dealt with my manager at Bexley and I moved to Luton for about \$4,000."

"I was a full time pro at Luton for about two and a half years. It was an enjoyable period of my career until the last six months when I had trouble throwing off a thigh injury."

"NASL outfit Chicago Sting was on tour at the time and they were on the look-out for players. I played for Luton reserves against the Sting and did well. Then a local amateur side took on the Americans. I played for the local side and we won about 5-3 I think. I scored twice."

"Former Manchester United centre half Billy Foulkes was the boss of the Sting and he offered me a good contract. But it meant that when the contract expired I would return midway through the English season and it might be hard to find a club."

"I met former Soccerroo striker Adrian Alston at Luton. It was 'Noddy' Alston who set up my trip to Australia to sign with Balgownie (now called Wollongong City) in the NSW State League. 'Australia sounded like paradise the way 'Noddy' described it — girls in bikinis lounging around the touchline, sun shining all the time, every one sporting super sunbans — all that sort of stuff. To a young, single bloke Australia sounded like just the place to go."

"I arrived on a Sunday morning at about 7.30 am and scored both goals in our 2-1 win over St George. I was well looked after that night, believe me. I think I surfaced some time on Monday afternoon!"

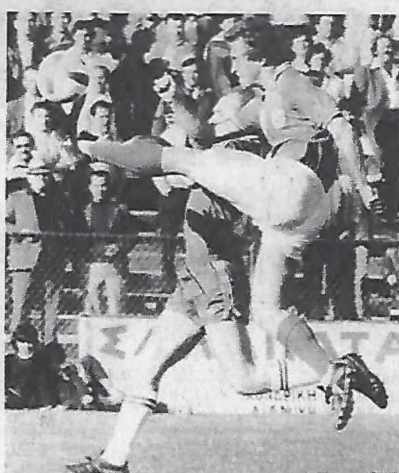
"Except for the coach Herbie Williams who did extra well with what he had to work with, Balgownie was a very amateurish club then. I reckon I lost about a yard in pace after only three weeks and adjusting to part time football was hard."

"For the first time in my life I had to find a job other than playing football."

"But I still managed to top the club's goalscoring list during my two seasons there."

"When the PSL started in 1977 I wanted to move. I felt that I could do well in the PSL. 'I went back to England for a holiday and when I returned Marconi, St George and NSW State League club Sydney Croatia were chasing me. Actually it was Croatia which offered me the best contract but I preferred to go PSL."

"I came to terms with Marconi but the club was slack in paying. Wollongong City as they were called by then, the \$3,000 they wanted. St George stepped in and seemed more



O'Connor's at full stretch as he volleys the ball toward goal.

professional than Marconi and signed me. "The one drawback with St George though is the committee. The thinking of the committee is old fashioned as far as I'm concerned. Some of the committee members are set in their old ways and during my stay there I don't think the many coaches we had got a free hand."

"When I joined, Manfred Schaefer was in charge of the team. He lasted about six months into my stay then Ija Takac took over. He was sacked half way through the following season and Joe Flastis took over for the remainder of the season. Visits didn't want to carry on though and the following season former Hungarian international keeper Joe Gelei became coach but Gelei couldn't speak good English and his instructions seemed like they were read out of a book. When he was dumped we were on the bottom of the league. Raul Blanco took over and he was excellent. He instilled confidence in us and picked us up off the bottom. We got to the final of the Philips Cup that year, 1979, only to lose 3-2 to Adelaide City."

"When my contract was up with St George we couldn't agree on terms for a new contract. APIA seemed like an up and coming club and I joined them late in 1979. APIA gave St George \$8,000 and a player in exchange for me."

O'Connor already had tasted international soccer with the Soccerroos when he signed for APIA. However he hadn't established himself as a Soccerroo regular although many critics around Australia urged his inclusion in the starting line-up.

He first played for Australia against Hong Kong in 1976. The Soccerroos lost 1-0 and O'Connor failed to flatter Jim

Shoulder was the Soccerroo supremo then but a couple of players didn't turn up for training before the Hong Kong game and according to O'Connor Australia couldn't even come up with enough substitutes for the match!

The Soccerroos won the next encounter with Hong Kong but O'Connor only played in the last 20 minutes.

Shoulder rang O'Connor and told him he was wanted for Australia's World Cup qualifying campaign. "I remember reading the early edition of the 'Daily Mirror' in Sydney and reading my name among the World Cup squad members. But I wasn't in the squad when the later edition of the 'Daily Mirror' came out. I found out that I wasn't eligible due to my inability to fulfill residency qualifications."

"Sort of expected Jimmy Shoulder to leave the way he did. It was really because I thought he'd done reasonably well."

"I never got a chance to settle into a regular place in the Australian side. 'I've got to say that Rudi Gutendorf was the worst coach I've ever played under. I was like most of the players in Rudi's squad. I was scared. If you made a mistake you'd look to the bench to see what was going on. If it was me who made the mistake I'd look across to the bench and Peter Sharpe or one of the other strikers would be warming up. Rudi sapped us of any confidence we had."

"I still have hopes of establishing myself in the Australian side. I'm not exactly an old man you know, I've just turned 27. Anyway I think you need a bit of experience in the side. 'At the start of every season I set my sights on making the season the best one yet. Who knows, maybe I'll get a chance to play for Australia again in 1982?"



By WALTER PLESS

## Fans are sick of boring play

With attendances at soccer matches in traditionally strong countries such as England, Italy and Spain falling, and with low crowd averages in countries such as Argentina, the home of the world champions, and Brazil, the world soccer scene appears somewhat gloomy.

A number of reasons have been put forward to explain the decline in attendances. Hooliganism, over-exposure on television, high ticket prices, too many games, lack of success, alternative pastimes, are some.

Whilst they all contain some truth, they are not the whole truth. For example, success does not always ensure increased support. The Dutch side AZ'67 Alkmaar won the league and cup double in Holland last year but lost fans. Hooliganism in Spain is isolated and rare, ticket prices are reasonable, television coverage of matches was cut massively, and yet there still was a decline in attendances.

I believe that a significant factor in the declining attendances is the low standard of play. Soccer has declined as a spectacle. Whereas it once was an art that the average fan could appreciate and get excited about and attracted millions and millions of devotees the game now is more often than not stereotyped and dull, its practitioners often over-paid and under-skilled.

There are exceptions of course but it is rare nowadays to see a great game, the sort of game that has fans wanting more. It is no wonder, therefore, that people are finding other things to do.

If the spectacle is good enough, people will become 'hooked' on it and will go to watch even if it means making considerable sacrifices. They will see as many games as they can instead of selecting their games carefully, as many spectators now do.

A negative philosophy has crept into the game and this must have an effect on the numbers who go to watch.

Raimondo Ponte, the Swiss international and former Nottingham Forest player, now playing in France, was interviewed after a recent French league match and said: "We came in search of a 0-0 draw and perhaps an easy breakaway goal. I thought we were going to hang on but when they scored we didn't have enough players to go forward with."

This comment (not enough players, indeed!) typifies the thinking of too many players and managers today. It is little wonder that people are staying away from games when players admit that they are playing for scoreless draws and when teams supposedly haven't got eleven players who can attack (in an age when teams aim at what is called 'total' football played by versatile players who can both defend and attack as required!).

It is easy to understand the feelings of two of the game's greatest heroes, Ferenc Puskas and Alfredo Di Stefano. Interviewed after this year's European Champions' Cup Final, Puskas said: "Liverpool were lucky to win, but Madrid didn't really deserve anything either. There was no football in the game. The game is not like it was. I have seen some good football from the Argentines and Brazilians. And sometimes West Germany and Italy, when the mood takes them. But you have to go a long way and wait a long time to find it."

Di Stefano didn't speak. He merely nodded in agreement. And so have more and more fans!

## Aceski seeks a club

Footscray JUST's defensive midfielder Danny Aceski is seeking another club.

Aceski, 23, won the Metropolitan Second Division best and fairest award last year but feels he hasn't been given a chance to break into JUST's PSL side. Interested clubs can contact Aceski on 366 2665.

## SOCCER CLINIC

A five-day soccer clinic will be held at St. Johns College Dandenong (Vic) from Monday December 14 to Friday December 18.

Any boy from 10 years can take advantage of this clinic to improve his game. There will be awards to successful team groups and individual prizes on completion of the clinic.

The cost is \$30 per boy. Times of activities are 10-12 am and 2-4 pm, Monday through to Friday.

Michael O'Hara, Bachelor of Physical Education and Former Australian squad and Victorian State representative will host the clinic.

Boys will undergo extensive routines in all aspects of the game.

For program of the clinic and further particulars, contact Mike O'Hara on 791 3966.

## OOPS!

Gremlins got at last week's 'In Focus' column on page 2. What it should have said was:

More than 400 people did make it to the big bash, no doubt all of them people whose contribution to getting the crowds out and keeping the tournament 'n the public eye was vitally important.

The published version, ending on 'Virtually Unimportant', was unintentionally insulting and of course incorrect. It wasn't meant to be said.

## Wilson to move?

Altona defender Kevin Wilson won the club's best and fairest award for season 1981 but is unlikely to stay with Altona.

Any clubs interested in contacting the strong defender can phone 366 9821 after hours.



## DRAKEFORD'S AVAILABLE

Former South Melbourne Hellas winner or midfielder Ken Drakeford (pictured above) wants to return to Australia, and is seeking a club.

Drakeford, 23, has been playing in England and Sweden. A fast, nippy, skilful forward, Drakeford played for Hellas two years ago.

Clubs interested in signing Drakeford should contact Alun Evans on 531 3593.

## Germans geared for success

By WALTER PLESS

West Germany's training sessions in the days leading up to the World Youth Cup final gave an accurate indication of how the team would perform on the big day. There was an efficiency and purpose about the sessions that augured success.

The organisation behind the squad was first class and the training sessions went like clockwork. The team even looked neat and business-like.

Every player was kitted out in the tight-fitting, navy blue 'Adidas' tracksuit of the Deutsche Fussball Bund; orange bibs were provided to distinguish the teams in small-side games; and there always were up to a dozen top quality 'Adidas Tango' balls for the players to work with. In short, the players looked as if they belonged to a team that had a purpose.

Warm-ups were brisk, methodical and enjoyable. The two goalkeepers worked together and went through their own routines, without needing instructions from the coach.

The remainder of the sessions were devoted to ball skills, tactical team work and shooting.

There were numerous exercises to sharpen up ball skills such as passing, control and heading. These were conducted under the supervision of the coach who went from group to group, whilst still retaining an overall view of the proceedings.

It commonly was known that Qatar would use the off-side trap in the final, just as it had done in all previous games. The small-side games in training therefore were directed at beating the off-side trap.

Throughout these games, West German coach Dietrich Weise would run up and down the touch line acting as a linesman and calling out to the players, informing them as to the success or failure of their moves.

The shooting of the West Germans was awesome, both in terms of power and accuracy. An extremely high percentage of shots hit the target.

Some practices involved three attackers versus two defenders plus a goalkeeper, some involved an attacker and a goalkeeper in a one versus one confrontation, and some involved an attacker passing to a target man who laid the ball off for the attacker to run onto and shoot.

The excellence of the goalkeepers was evident in these sessions too. They made many fine saves and displayed courage, agility and initiative. They took turns in goal, without instructions from the coach, ensuring that each got sufficient practice. While one faced shots, the other would position himself behind or to one side of the goal and retrieve the few balls that were fired high or wide.

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Youth internationals Oscar Crino (front) and Fabio Incantalupo — they'll play for Italy in the indoor series

## THE 12 SQUADS

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<b>AUSTRALIA</b> Manager: Ian Petherick. Team: Dale Wood, Andy Esposito, R. Petherick, S. Kokoska, J. McNally, J. Campbell, S. Gojovic, M. Perree, J. Langer.	<b>MALTA</b> Manager: Tony Vella. Team: Paul Gambin, Ray Mizzi, Willie Vassallo, T. Mizzi, B. Gaitano, T. Gatt, S. Xerri, G. Spiteri.	<b>POLAND</b> Manager: Kaz Kowalec. Team: L. Dzielskowsky, A. Daks, A. Czarnik, R. Czarnik, T. Krysinski, R. Sekulski, M. Smolarek, E. Kupisz, R. Lipinski, R. Gernanski.
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On January 1st., 1982, the Federal Government plans to impose a sales tax on magazines, newspapers and books. This is not

**Freedom of Speech.**

just a tax on publications. It is a tax on free speech.

It is a tax on information. It is a tax on knowledge. Such action is practically unheard of in the free world, and is contrary to the spirit of the UNESCO agreement of 1950.

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# Makedonia, Yugoslavs threat to Scotland

In the U.S. they call it Human pinball, a game of buzzers, flashing lights, disco music, galloping players and a ball ping-pong off walls and rip-ping across the turf.

Indoor soccer's a super product. "It's a big hit in America and will catch on fast in Australia," says an official of Soccerdrome Promotions, the company staging Australia's first major international indoor soccer tournament.

Festival Hall in West Melbourne is the venue. November 13, 14 and 20, 21 are the nights when five-a-side outfits representing 12 nations start battling for prizemoney of \$5,000 and a magnificent \$1,000 trophy. The winning nation grabs the trophy along with \$3,000.

Former Socceroo Bill Vojtek, manager-coach of Croatia's team says: "You can't worry about goals against like you do in outdoor soccer because goals come thick and fast in the indoor game."

Most soccer fans just love to watch balls fly past the despairing grasp of the outstretched goalkeeper. High scoring matches are assured in indoor soccer. Neither team has to go far to get within striking distance of the opposition goal.

The 12 competing nations are Scotland, Australia, Greece, Italy, Croatia, Malta, Yugoslavia, Makedonia, Turkey, Poland, South America and England.

These teams are broken into three groups. The three group winners advance to the semi-

finals. The fourth semi-finalist is established when the three runner-ups compete in a shoot-out on the final night of the tournament.

Shoot-outs are Americanised versions of what most of the soccer world knows as penalties. But there's a curious twist to the Americanised version. The player has a certain time limit on his movement which involves running with the ball from the half line and trying to score past the opposition goalkeeper.

The tournament organisers are using referees from the Australian Referees' Association and any player receiving a yellow card will go to a "sin bin" where he must serve a two minute suspension.

There will be six games each night. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and pen-

sioners. Series tickets also are available as are family tickets. They retail for \$10.

Scotland is pre-tournament favourite and Makedonia is expected to provide the Scots with their greatest hurdle.

All in all the tournament should be a success. When you present a package for the soccer public displaying a new, exciting, action packed sport you can't really miss. Let's hope indoor soccer kicks off in a big way.

Just imagine the new State Indoor Sports Centre next to Olympic Park's No.1 ground with thousands of banner waving fans going to the Grand Final of Soccerdrome '82. Indoor soccer may inject an important new lease of life into the game not just in Victoria but throughout Australia.



Zoran Ilioski of J.U.S.T. — he'll play for Macedonia.



Scotland star Jimmy Rooney of Heidelberg.

## MATCH PROGRAM

GROUP A: Scotland, Australia, Malta, Croatia.

GROUP B: Makedonia, South America, Italy, England.

GROUP C: Turkey, Poland, Greece, Yugoslavia.

Friday, November 13, kick-off 7 pm.

Australia v Scotland; Greece v Turkey; South America v Italy; Poland v Yugoslavia; Makedonia v England; Croatia v Malta.

Saturday, November 14, kick-off 7pm  
Australia v Croatia; Greece v Poland;

Italy v England; Scotland v Malta; Turkey v Yugoslavia; South America v Makedonia.

Friday, November 20, kick-off 7pm

Turkey v Poland; Malta v Australia; South America v England; Greece v Yugoslavia; Italy v Makedonia; Croatia v Scotland.

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For further particulars senior award coaches can contact  
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# BUFFALO

## BROGAN BAGS THREE

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**CROATIA 3 (Brogan 3) CROYDON 1 (Wade).** State League Cup semi-final at Olympic Park. MATCH RATING: 7. Referee: Gaut 8.

CROATIA: Pugliese 6 — Short 7, Ramljak 6, Kokoska 7, Adams 9 — Kerr 8 (Andrews 85th), Murphy 7, Dezie 8 — Brogan 9, Gilder 7, Gojevic 6 (Keenan 75th).

CROYDON: Edwards 6 — Brown 7, Pongho 6, McCombe 7, Hobson 6 (Bakker 67th) — Denrider 6, Smith 7, Howarth 6 — P. Loughnane 6, Wade 6, Evans 6.

It took Dave Brogan just 40 minutes to beat Croydon and take Croatia into the final of the 1981 State League Cup.

One wonders what thoughts went through the heads of any Footscray J.U.S.T. officials at the match. Brogan could have gone to J.U.S.T. earlier this year for \$8000.

Surely, there's no more skilful striker in the State League.

While Brogan's lethal finishing netted him a hat-trick against his former club another ex-Croydon player, Croatia midfielder Joe Tront watched the match from the grandstand.

Tront wasn't selected because of disciplinary reasons. Croatia coach Dujze Zemunik told me that Tront had missed training sessions and played in a testimonial match for Frankston stalwart Bob Adams. Apparently Croatia hadn't given permission for Tront to play.

What makes Tront's situation unique is that although other first team players missed training sessions and played without permission in that testimonial game they still were selected to play against Croydon.

Croydon played without the injured Ian Loughnane and his absence was crucial. Without him Croydon had no bite up front.

Brogan took four minutes to open the scoring. He spun around inside the area and hammered a left foot drive toward the near post. Mick Edwards got both hands on the ball but it was too hot to handle cleanly and slipped into goal.

Alan Kerr almost set up Peter Loughnane for the leveller in the 18th minute but Elvio Pugliese charged off his line to gather Kerr's back pass before Loughnane could pounce.

Danny Dezie played the

ball wide to Steve Gojevic in the 32nd minute. Gojevic tried to cross from the left but didn't strike the ball cleanly. However his cross was deflected past Alan Pongho to the incoming Brogan at the far post. Gary Hobson was goal side of Brogan but the quick thinking Croatia striker stretched out to hammer the ball first time past the helpless Edwards. It was a super opportunist's goal.

Eight minutes later Croydon was down and out. Steve Kokoska played a long ball downfield and Brogan headed on then spun around and charged toward the Croydon goal. Carl Gilder and Steve McCombe challenged and the ball fell for Brogan. Pongho was right at Brogan's back but didn't have the pace to catch up. Brogan knocked the ball in front of him and as it bounced up he volleyed it into the roof of goal from about eight metres out.

By this time the J.U.S.T. officials would have had tears streaming down their faces.

Brogan should have notched number four about seven minutes into the second half. Dezie to Gilder to Brogan split the Croydon defence apart but Brogan didn't steady and blasted the ball wide.

Croydon should have opened its account in the 64th minute. A low ball was played inside the Croatia area. Pugliese charged out past the near post but let the ball go through his legs to Duncan Smith who knocked the ball across the face of goal. Steve Short was on hand to knock the ball out for a corner.

Eight minutes later Croydon finally scored. Smith took a long throw from the left. Pugliese stayed on his line and Paul Wade's glancing header at the near post sent the ball past Pugliese and in at the far post.

But Croydon didn't look likely to add to its score.

The game fizzled out into an easy 3-1 win for Croatia.



## WILHELMINA WANTS BILLY DE GRAAF

**Victorian State League club Ringwood Wilhelmina is keen to sign former New Zealand international defender Billy de Graaf from PSL club Wollongong.**

de Graaf was in Melbourne recently for talks with Ringwood officials.

Dave Gibson, a midfielder who has had stints with English clubs Scunthorpe United and Hull City, has arrived to start a two year contract with Wilhelmina.

Forward Ian Greener and midfielder John O'Callaghan are likely to leave the club.

Greener is tipped to take over as player-coach of Metro Second Division club Springvale while O'Callaghan is keen to remain in the State League.

The talented O'Callaghan was put on the transfer list at his own request last week. Interested clubs can contact him at work on 792 4799.



Dave Brogan of Croatia — scored three goals against his former club, Croydon.



Croydon's Steve McCombe (left) gets the better of Croatia's Carl Gilder in this heading duel. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Doveton goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff saves a sliding shot.

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squad which Doveton hopes will bring it victory on Saturday night. Back row: Thurlow, Quin, Bone, Ivanoff, Irvine, Merrick, Cherrie. Front row: Whitehurst, Roggero, Corke, Bentley, Mustapha, Willcock.

## Bone and Irvine knockout Ajax

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

DOVETON 2 (Bone, Irvine) AJAX 1 (Paul Lewis). State League Cup semi-final at Olympic Park. Match Rating: 6. Referee: Henderson 8

**DOVETON:** Ivanoff 7 - Mustapha 7, Merrick 7, Corke 7, Porter 7 - Bentley 7, Thurlow 8, Cherrie 7 - Irvine 6 (Willcock 71st.), Bone 7 (Whitehurst 71th.), Quin 8.

**AJAX:** Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Cannell 6, Gardiner 6, G. Bennett 5 - Hogben 6 (A. Bennett 65th.), Vassallo 8, Williams 7 - Paul Lewis 6, Macleod 6, Morrey 7 (Wall 65th.).

"Congratulations to Doveton and I wish them every success in next Saturday night's final."

With these few words Green Gully Ajax manager Bobby McLachlan summed up the upset of the weekend's two State League Cup matches.

A few Doveton supporters were sporting king sized grins after their team's 2-1 win over Ajax and they suggested that the press will have to change its tune when assessing the Doves' chances in a game from now on.

Yet no-one in their right mind would have gone past Ajax when previewing the game.

Doveton just returned from a "lost weekend" in Sydney, didn't have a full squad to pick from and coach Danny McMinimee recently tendered his resignation. Not exactly the best kind of preparation for a cut throat game against the 1981 State League champion and Ampol and Dockerty Cup winner.

Yet the Doves came up trumps while Ajax looked lethargic and certainly lacked the killer punch up front.

Doveton twice caught Ajax at the back. The first blow was struck when the Ajax defence was caught square and the knock-out came when Ajax was caught too far forward.

Siege Bone and Steve Irvine were the king-hit specialists.

A long ball punted downfield in the 29th. minute found Irvine and Stuart Cannell busting for possession. Irvine looked likely to get in a strike at goal but under challenge from Cannell the ball broke to the unmarked Bone. As Bone's halfhit shot snuck in the far corner Irvine was in an off-side position. The linesman flagged, referee Henderson consulted his fellow official then ruled that Irvine wasn't interfering with play and awarded the goal.

The Doves were unlucky to have a penalty appeal turned down in the 6th. minute.

Peter Lewis squared the ball back to sweeper John Gardiner who looked likely to play it back to Lewis until Alan Quin cut off the angle. Gardiner hesitated, Quin challenged and won the ball inside the Ajax area. Gardiner wheeled around and appeared to bring Quin down from behind but play was waved on.

From then until the

Doves scored Ajax applied the pressure but couldn't get a clear strike at goal from within the crowded Doveton area.

Too often players milled about in three distinct lines - defence, midfield and attack - and were content to stay there.

The PSL recently delivered an edict that mad dogs and soccer players soon will go out in the noon day sun but spectators and journalists won't be there if this game is an example of summer soccer.

The most exciting part of the match came as I joined six or seven spectators eavesdropping through dressing room window louvres on McLachlan's half time address. Even my ears were burning at the end of the dissertation.

McLachlan wasn't keen on Ajax's slow build up. I doubt that he would have been pleased with his team's finishing either.

Gary Porter's bad back pass in the 37th. minute set up Bill Morrey who shot wide from 12 metres with only Lou Ivanoff to beat and three minutes later Dave Hogben took the ball to the by-line then cut it back to the back post but Ivanoff easily intercepted Gus Macleod's attempt to head the ball back up to Paul Lewis.

A minute after the interval Paul Lewis ran onto a good ball played inside the area and allowed the incoming Macleod to shoot but the ball rebounded off Ivanoff's legs and was cleared.

Gardiner had pushed up to the right side of midfield, Gerry Bennett dropped into the sweeper's role and Hogben took over at left back. Still Ajax couldn't break the ice.

Jim Williams shot from about 20 metres out on the left but to his dismay the ball bounced off the far upright and the incoming Paul Lewis was unable to convert.

Morrey was fouled from behind by Gengiz Mustapha Hulusi a few moments later and reacted by swinging his elbow up. Mustapha dropped to the ground clutching his face. Referee Henderson came rushing in to quell matters then booked Morrey and young Mustapha.

Suddenly Ajax went two goals down and looked out of the race. The ball broke in front of Quin on Doveton's right. He always was going to beat Gerry Bennett in the race to the ball yet Bennett committed himself and paid the penalty. Quin, in full flight, tapped the ball to one side of the lunging Bennett and scooted around the other side. Once in the clear he looked up to see Irvine free on the other side of the park. He crossed past Hogben and Irvine steadied then hammered the ball high into the roof of the Ajax net.

That goal shattered the dreams of the VSF officials praying for an Ajax-Croatia final.

Ajax almost replied within four minutes. Williams did well to cross to the far post where Peter

Lewis headed goalward but Arthur Cherrie knieed the ball out.

Morrey curled the resulting corner across and Ivanoff was all at sea as he tried to punch clear but the Doves escaped.

Not so a second time. Again Morrey's corner came curling in to the back post. Ivanoff palmed it down to the feet of Willie Vassallo. The Ajax midfielder lobbed the ball back across goal and Paul Lewis headed in.

Most of us in the press box sat back with a smug I-told-you-so expression on our faces. A minute earlier we were wondering what had gone wrong with Ajax.

Now the feeling was that there were 25 minutes left for Ajax to level and we thought extra time was on the cards.

Again we were wrong. Bone should have finished Ajax in the 72nd. minute. Quin again sent an inch perfect cross over from the right to Bone who controlled well moving inside a defender but shot weakly and Lou Denys saved.

A minute from full time Macleod's back header was fractionally too high and thirty seconds later Peter Lewis headed over.

And so ended a great chapter in Victorian soccer history. Doveton became the first club ever to reach the State League Cup Final in its first year in the league while Ajax finished its most successful season with three of the major domestic honors to its credit.

## AFTER TWO LOSSES, YOUNG ROOS BEAT CHINA 3-1

o Australian youth team, humbled by the United States and Egyptian matches, won its last match against China in the Great Wall Cup in Peking at the weekend.

ad lost 1-2 to the US and 0-2 to Egypt - surprise results considering how well it played in the recent world youth championships.

Oscar Crino, Fabio Incantalupo and Mark Koussas put Australia 3-0 ahead after 57 minutes before China's Yang Yumin finally beat goalkeeper Dennis Ivanac.

"We should have won all three games," Australian coach Les Sheinflug said. "Against Egypt, 90 percent of the game went our way."

Egypt won the Great Wall Cup, from China, Australia and the US which finished last.



by Paul Lewis (obscured) of Ajax. In front of Lewis is Alan Quin of Dove-



Gary Hobson of Croydon keeps plugging away against Croatia's Alan Kerr, even though he's down.



# SCORES, LADDERS



**FOOTBALL FIXTURES AND 6 YEARS HOME RESULTS**  
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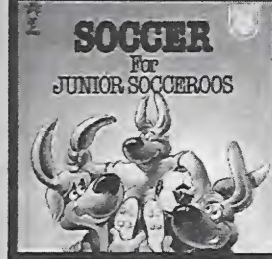


This week's picture has been submitted by P. van Lierop of 3 Bayswater Road, Moonah, Tas., 7009. It shows South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets saving a shot from Bruce Ward of the Tarnanian all-stars.  
The prize for the picture of the year has been won by Barry Smith of 76 Hewish Road, Croydon, Vic., 3136. Published on July 8, The picture was of Murray Barnes (Sydney City) contesting for a high ball against Hellas. Barry Smith wins a Canon AE-1 camera.

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# HOW BRAZIL PREPARES ITS PLAYERS

By DAVID PONSONBY

Winning the 1981 world youth championship requires that a squad of teenagers plays six matches in 15 days, not to mention surviving the travelling half way around the world and between the various centres.

Some countries spent months in training camps and millions of dollars to ensure that their squad would meet the physical demands of such a competition and maintain their ball skills and tactical awareness throughout every game.

Brazil and Qatar belong in this category and, ironically, met one another in the quarter finals when the Brazilian-trained Qatar team (Brazilian coaches, three months preparation in Brazil including a 1:3 defeat in Rio) defeated the most successful soccer nation of modern times.

Qatar has been an unknown quantity but the dominant Brazilian media have ensured that every detail in the daily lives of national team players is published.

The C.B.D. published a report by physical trainer Carlos Alberto Parreira on the training plan for 1970. Similar plans have been followed in major tournaments in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978 and 1981.

An English summary is contained in "Soccer Fitness" by this author.

## Aerobic Fitness

Following close behind the Mexico Olympics there was an emphasis upon altitude training and aerobic fitness. Brazilian trainers, notably Claudio Coutinho (1978 coach) visited the Cooper Laboratory in Dallas which is famed for the best-selling "Aerobics" books. Brazilian teams have sought to improve their aerobic

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fitness and Dirceu achieved almost 4,000 metres in the 12 minute run (some 10% short of Olympic middle distance standards).

Brazil's central defender, Brito, was the best player from any country in tests conducted by Dr. R. Margaria of Italy in Mexico.

## Skill versus strength

It is strange that although muscle action determines movement, most soccer trainers see strength as inhibiting skill. In fact strength permits skill, so that more strength could permit more skill and superior skills exist in spite of, rather than because of, ordinary strength levels.

The Australian youth soccer team would undoubtedly rate highly in physical terms, due in part to their mental fortitude which allows them to utilise their bodily resources to the full. Motivating a legendary millionaire to run himself into the ground for twelve minutes without a ball or a crowd is often a problem!

In 1970 they considered the muscularity of their players was excellent and only used medicine ball type exercises within a training circuit to maintain it. One fear was that increased muscularity would decrease flexibility and reduce the "elastic" element in their ball control.

These concerns on abdominal exercises since gravity, respiration and bodily movements are centred there. The lean Paulo Cesar had abdominal muscles equal to a boxer's, protruding, in fact, beyond the line of his chest but

like the proverbial washrboard rather than suit!

By 1974 Brazilian players were challenging strongly in the European manner but many observers lamented the loss of Brazilian skills. Like those of Ademir, who, lamentably, only graced the third place final. Incidentally he was tall and heavily built.

## Rehabilitation

In 1978 the new goal-scoring sensation, Reinaldo, was a typical victim of his own success, bearing a pair of surgical knees as well as having had ankle surgery.

For the rehabilitation of this player, Coutinho resorted, for the first time, to strength training as developed in the United States by Nautilus Sports/Medical Industries.

Reinaldo was rehabilitated sufficiently to take his place in the qualifying matches but only scored once and Roberto replaced him. He has since returned to the national team, following a fifth knee operation, although he has never permanently overcome his chronic knee problems on top of the usual traumatic injuries of any goal scorer.

## Muscular strength

With the removal of Coutinho (now with the Los Angeles Aztecs), Tele Santana (who accompanied the Brazilian youth delegation) has abandoned some imported ideas.

Nautilus training is basically isotonic, the weight being lifted and lowered under the muscular control of the player.

The orthopaedic surgeon who accompanied the youth team, Dr. Arnaldo, and the team trainer, Moraci, preferred to use isometric testing



Brazilian midfielder Leomir has a precautionary check on a painful knee.

and training, fearing chondromalacia (roughening of the patella and articular surfaces of the knee joint) from weight training.

The muscular contraction is held static for 10 or 15 seconds and the maximum resistance is 30 kilograms.

Using Gladiator (Universal Gym type equipment) players perform a series of familiar exercises: legs, groin, arms (leg press, knee extension, knee flexion, abduction, adduction, bench press).

## Flexibility

The same muscle groups are measured for flexibility (range of movement). Flexibility exercises are performed for 20 minutes or more, before every training session and in the dressing room prior to matches.

These began for the youth team with shoulder and shoulder girdle exercises, proceeding through the trunk to groin, leg and foot exercises. Expanding the rib cage takes a special priority for trainer Moraci, rather like the resuscitation component of a surf life-saving course.

A player may lie face down on the ground and have a trainer press down on his back, or be stretched over the trainer's back.

Ronaldo also received the latter treatment after being slightly wounded in the match against Rumania.

The tempo of exercise increases as the time to leave for the field approaches. Players circle the trainer, in step, and sprint across the diagonal of the room with short steps like those of trotting horses.

These flexibility movements are mostly static although some are performed dynamically, recreating or simulating game movements. Some, surprisingly, remain ballistic (e.g. bouncing to "pick up the grass" between the feet).

These movements have largely been abandoned because they invoke the stretch reflex which means that the muscle is shortening and lengthening like a Yo-Yo! Stretching, interspersed with an isometric contraction is the current therapeutic choice.

Partners are occasionally used to assist the player to reach further than he can manage under his own muscular force or by adjusting his own body weight (gravity).

Momentum is another force often involved in ballistic stretching which is potentially hazardous. Indeed, it is this force which is frequently involved when players are injured.



Brazilian trainer Moraci applies pressure to Paulo Roberto's back to aid expiration during training.

This presents a paradox for coaches and trainers, since American biomechanics professor, Stanley Pigenhoef, has pointed out that a person with a large range of movement around a joint may suffer severe joint damage since his available range is closer to the point at which the integrity of the joint itself will be destroyed.

On the other hand, this range will accommodate some forces without injury to the muscle tissues or tendons. Yet, the less flexible players may suffer these tears and strains.

## Therapy

At home, especially in the Maracana, players are provided with every conceivable therapeutic aid. On tour it is only possible to take a hooded heating system working from light bulbs! (Most teams would rely upon supplies of ice).

Other equipment must be sought out. The Brazilian team, having the facilities of the Carlton Football Club placed at their disposal and the Victorian Soccer Federation, made arrangements for players requiring treatment to visit the Malvern Sports Clinic.

together with coffee (a major sponsor of the team being Cafe do Brasil).

## Psychology

While the Brazilian teams lead the world in match victories and world championships and research and develop training plans, aspects of the physiology are as much myth as science (or psychology or "kiddology" to use Sir Matt Busby's terminology).

Psychologically, if everyone believes in their own superior skills and preparation, they will match opponents stride for stride and blow for blow without the intrusion of an inferiority complex which can allow them to be swept aside by allegedly superior opponents.

The danger is, of course, over-confidence, whereby a team plays sufficiently below par to be defeated by an otherwise inferior team.

It is tempting to look at the Brazil v Qatar match and pick out the reasons for the goals. However, the goals themselves are statistically a product of random chance.

Coaches like Charles Hughes of the English Football Association, don't like "chance" and prefer to look for a loss of concentration or a tactical or technical error.

Orlando and Vava would point to the refereeing decisions.

Psychologically, the Qatar players were playing matches which will probably mark the zenith of their careers. The Brazilian players want to go on to full national honours, although few will do so.

Reviewing the qualities of great players tends to obscure rather than illuminate training methods.

Pele was strong but did not train with weights, Gerson, smoked heavily and did not train excessively by any stretch of the imagination.

Yet, Pele improved his aerobic fitness by 15 per cent at the age of 29 in order to give of his best in Mexico.

Is there a difference then between natural strength and hypertrophy produced by weight training? Other sports would seem to refute this.

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## Brighton boasts proud history

In 1924 a special meeting was held in "The Working Men's Club" near Sir Thomas Bent's statue, in Nepean Highway. The following was resolved:

"That a Club, to be called 'The Brighton Soccer Football Club' be formed, and that the Brighton Council be approached for use of a ground."

The first office-bearers elected were: — President, Mr. O. Simpson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. Beard; Treasurer, Mr. C. Wake; Committee: Messrs. Price, McCubbin, Wyatt and Spencer.

During the season the club enrolled as members three men who were to play an important part in its subsequent history, namely Messrs W. Scott, J. McEwan, and W. Shirley. These men have given great service to the club, which was officially recognised by each of them being made Life Members.

The ground allotted to them was at Hurlington Park, Brighton, north of the present large oval. It was an extremely poor ground, and several working bees were necessary to make it playable.

Brighton's first colours were maroon jerseys, with blue collars and cuffs and white shorts.

One team was entered in the 4th Division (8 teams) of the then "Metropolitan League". Support was negligible, and collections were seldom enough to pay the referees' fees. Officials had to make up the balance until a social was held.

The 1924 season from a playing point of view was only moderately successful, but the following year (1925) saw Brighton at the head of the premiership table and winning promotion to the 2nd Division.

During 1926, a Mr. Kinross, another soccer enthusiast, approached the club, suggesting the start of a junior team. A master at Brighton Technical School, he recognised the importance of establishing soccer in the schools. Some of the boys who passed through his hands in the first year or two were Don Bingham, Laurie Taylor, Herbie Armstrong, Jim Kemp, Ken Ballantyne and Gus Chapman.

Don Bingham achieved fame on the playing field, representing his state and country, while off the field he rendered valuable service as secretary.

The value of Mr. Kinross's fine work was to be fully appreciated as the years went by. The junior team was formed, and then a reserve team, and Brighton had come quite a way. Support was growing, collections were better and social activities more numerous.

Further success came in 1928, with promotion to the 2nd Division. Then came the depression and the next few years were a combination of success, misfortune and disappointment.

Officials who were then in office were worried by the twin fears of finance and relegation. However, their faith in the club, and their determination to carry on was always evident, and it was in this trying period that the motto of the club: "Determination Defies Defeat", was coined.

In 1931, seven years after its formation, Brighton achieved its first major honour, and became a 1st Division Club.

Recognising that the 1st Division was a cut above the 2nd Division, new players were sought, and the following, among others, joined up: Tom Calderwood, Duncan McDougall, Bill Peters, Jack Dracup, and Stan Humphreys.

In 1933, within two years of attaining 1st Division status, Brighton had won the state's most coveted Soccer trophy, the Dockerty Cup, a remarkable feature being their defeats of Caledonians, Box Hill, Melbourne Thistle, and St. Kilda in the final — all away from home.

Despite the success in the cup, it was a crucial year for the club, as they were in danger of relegation.

The vital game to decide whether the club was to be relegated or remain in the 1st Division, was against Colingwood, fortunately at home. Brighton won and avoided relegation and remained in the 1st Division.

1934 — 1939: This period saw several administration changes. Les Beard and Charlie Wake, who had rendered splendid service as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively, for approximately ten years, had resigned.

During 1935, Mr. A. D. Snelling was elected secretary and held office for approximately 12 months. He will be remembered for his donation of material to install the hot water shower in the pavilion at Hurlington Park.

In 1936, Mr. W. R. Jones and Mr. Syd. Newell were elected Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. They remained in the Club as a team for five years, rendering a valuable service to the club during that time. Dick Jones also played, being the first regular playing secretary.

The president at this time was W. J. (Jack) Baker, another who played a vigorous and progressive part.

Events of interest during this period included the formation of a Schoolboy team; a big Garden Fete, held at the home and grounds of Mr. Harry Bingham; new jerseys and club honours; and the greatest soccer crowd seen at Hurlington Park, when Hakoah defeated Brighton 3-2. The crowd was reliably estimated at 3,000.

In 1937, with Mr. W. Scott as President, further laurels came to the club, the first team winning the "Dockerty Cup" (carrying with it the title of State Champions) and the juniors winning the Salmon Cup.

1938 saw Mr. J. Scrivens, who had been a privet commiteeman for years, elected to the position of president. A noticeable feature was the number of players elected into office, among them being Don Bingham, Duncan McDougall, Jack Dracup, Tom Calderwood, Dave Smith and Ted Seares.

From a playing point of view the season was fairly successful. No major honours were won, though the team commanded respect wherever it played.

Highlight of the 1939 season was the winning of the



The Brighton first team squad of 1981. Back row, left to right: D. Young (coach), N. Tyrikos, S. Bakewell, M. Lally, S. Scott, P. Mercoulia, E. Brizzio. Front row: A. Tubbs, S. Whelan, D. Murphy (captain), S. Pugh, C. Michaelopoulos, D. Black, Missing: S. Black, J. Carey.

Consolation Cup, despite the fact that Brighton had four of their best players in Sydney representing Victoria.

1940, 41, 42 — These were very difficult years. Many of the players and officials had enlisted and in 1942 it was decided that the senior side would temporarily disband.

In 1943 the club fund at this time was only 3/2d. The use of Hurlington Park was obtained and the re-building of the team commenced.

Success followed, Brighton that year winning the Dockerty Cup for the third time and finishing fourth in the 1st Division League competition.

The team that won the 1943 Dockerty Cup was: A. Gravel, N. Good, W. Whitaker, F. Stewart, J. McOrist, D. Bingham (Capt.), H. Fritchard, T. Sharp, Sierakowski, J. Marone, Vander-Pel.

Their opponents in the final were Moreland-Hakoah. The first game at Olympic Park was drawn with the score at 3 goals each; and the replay (also at Olympic Park) was narrowly won by the odd goal in five. Goalscorers for Brighton in the winning game were Sierakowski 2, Sharp 1.

1944 saw the club start that season with a balance of 18 pounds.

Council granted Brighton the use of the western end of Hurlington Park, on which air raid trenches had been dug. The filling-in of these trenches had left the ground rather rough, but playable.

It was another successful season, Brighton being third on the league table and winning the Dockerty Cup for the second year in succession, and the fourth time during the club's existence.

Brighton defeated R.A.F. at Toorak Park in the final, Harry Pritchard scoring three goals.

Five of Brighton's team were selected for the Victorian team to play the Royal Navy at Morwell; those selected being Don Bingham,

Norman Good, Laurie Taylor, Harry Pritchard and Jackie Marone.

1946 — The war being over, many old players and supporters were re-joining the club. Five men — Duncan McDougall, Ron Grant, Jim Miller, Ernie Toe and Tom King — did not return from service abroad, all making the supreme sacrifice. Members of Brighton are proud to have known them.

During this season Kingswood, the South Australian soccer premier, had made inquiries about a game with a Victorian side. Brighton was referred to them and a game was played on Saturday, October 5, at Olympic Park. Kingswood narrowly won 3-2. This began a series of annual games between the two clubs, which lasted for many seasons.

1947 — Brighton now was growing up. Five teams were placed on the field every Saturday, as follows: 1st Division, Reserve Division, Under 19, Under 17 and Under 15 Divisions.

Don Bingham was selected to play for Australia against the touring South Africans on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, while Bingham, Norm Good and A. Barr were selected for Victoria to play against the same team.

In the same season the reserve team and the under-19 team were sent to Launceston, Tasmania.

The under-19 team won the Junior Cup. The reserves won the league premiership.

The 1948 season opened with the club determined to eclipse all previous efforts.

The season was a very successful one — probably the most successful in the Club's history.

Five trophies were won, as follows:

Reserve Team — Reserve Cup, Reserve League Championship Under 19 Team — Junior Cup, League Championship Under 17 Team — Salthouse Cup. The first team finished third in the League table.

During the season, Mr. Don Bingham (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Finney and Mr. Shingles resigned from the club in order to form a new soccer club in Hampton, to be called Sandringham City.

1949 saw the international flavour appearing in the Brighton Club. Tommy Jack, Duncan McDougall (Scotland), Eric Dobric, Rudi Ristic (Yugoslavia), George Govaars (Holland), were amongst the new players at the club.

Club colours were changed that season, the new colours being black and white hooped jerseys and socks and black knickers.

Brighton capped that season by winning the 1st Division Championship.

The nickname of the club was aptly "The Spiders".

Earlier in the season Brighton had been invited to enter a Lightning Carnival, which was held in Adelaide every King's Birthday Monday. Brighton were glad to accept the invitation and were able to win it. An attractive gold-braided pennant accompanied the team back to Victoria.

The season's highlight was a visit by the Yugoslav Soccer Team (1948 Olympic Finalists). They played four games in Australia including the Sydney and Melbourne Tests, winning all games comfortably, with the exception of the Sydney Test, on August 6th, 1949, was won 3-0 before a crowd of 12,000.

The following seasons, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954, saw one of the most successful runs the club has enjoyed winning the Dockerty Cup and Runners-up

in the 1st Division (South) at the end of the season.

At the end of the 1959 season, Brighton once again was relegated, this time due to the 1st Division's North and South being amalgamated into one division, the top six being clubs from each respective Division were included in the new 1st Division and the balance made up the 2nd Division. Brighton failed by one spot in the League table to stay in the 1st Division.

This also was the first

## CLUB HONORS

- 1925-4th DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- 1928-3rd DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- 1931-2nd DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- 1933-DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS
- 1937-DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS
- 1937-STATE CHAMPIONS
- 1939-CONSOLATION CUP WINNERS
- 1943-DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS
- 1944-DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS
- 1947-1st DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- 1948-UNDER 19 CHAMPIONS
- 1948-CHAMPIONS RESERVES
- 1949-1st DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- 1949-1st DIVISION CHAMPIONS RESERVES
- 1951-Runners-Up DOCKERTY CUP
- 1952-DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS
- 1952-UNDER 19 CHAMPIONS
- 1953-RUNNERS-UP DOCKERTY CUP
- 1954-Runners-Up DOCKERTY CUP
- 1956-Runners-Up DOCKERTY CUP
- 1964-2nd DIVISION CHAMPIONS RESERVES
- 1965-2nd DIVISION CHAMPIONS RESERVES
- 1969-3rd DIVISION RUNNERS-UP AND PROMOTED
- 1969-FRANKSTON INTER-CITIES CUP
- 1973-3rd DIVISION CHAMPIONS RESERVES

in the Dockerty Cup three times.

The under-19 team also won the league championship in 1952.

The 1954 team was regarded by some of the older club members as the best team ever fielded. Included in this team were nine players who either represented Victoria or Australia.

The 1954 season saw Brighton move to Elsternwick Park, Elsternwick Junction and, in doing so, began to play in a fully enclosed ground.

Brighton stayed at this ground till 1957. This was a lot for the fund raising efforts of the club during those seasons.

1954 was another good year for Brighton, being runners-up in the Dockerty Cup beaten by Hakoah in the final.

Once again, in 1956, Brighton chased the honours, and was runners-up in the Dockerty Cup for the fourth time.

In the semi-final, Brighton drew 1-1 with Polonia in a tough game that was marred by spectators' invasion of the ground. This extract was taken from the Soccer News of that day: "Brighton again showed its ability to rise to the big occasion by holding Polonia to a 1-1 draw last Saturday and proved further that courage and tenacity, those twin intangibles, can accomplish a great deal more than the comparative form analyses of the 'experts' can account for."

The replay saw Brighton win with a goal scored in the last few minutes of the game.

1958 saw the creation of the State League as the Premier Division in Victorian Soccer.

Brighton played in the State League that season, but, unfortunately, was relegated to the First Division (South) at the end of the season.

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This also was the first

season back in Brighton proper. The club moved to the top ground in Dendy Park, off Nepean Highway, Brighton.

The club stayed in the 2nd Division until the 1968 season, when it was relegated.

The 1969 season saw the club play in a new strip which was: white shirt, shorts and socks, and receive the nickname of the "Lily Whites". This might have been a good incentive as the club won promotion that year back into the 2nd Division.

Nevertheless, the 1970 season saw the strip change again, to white shirt, black shorts and white socks.

The middle 1960's saw the Brighton reserve team emerging as a very strong side, and they won for the club the League Championships in both the 1964 and 1965 seasons; since that time the Reserves have had a wonderful team spirit, and 1972-1973 were once again champions.

In 1970, the Brighton Council had begun construction of the present ground, which also included the dressing room, officials' and Press rooms, and also a running track and various ground improvements for the Athletics Club. Without boasting, Brighton now has amongst the best facilities in the soccer federation.

Training lights also were erected on the bottom oval.

The following seasons saw Brighton struggle.

In 1971 the club was relegated to Third Division but bounced back in 1974 under the chairmanship of well known soccer identity and "Soccer Action" photographer Les Shorroch.

Shorroch talked Bobby McLachlan into coming to Brighton as player-coach for the last 10 games of the season and the club finished the season as Third Division champion.

In 1973 though, Brighton slipped back into the Third Division and a year later dropped down into its present status as a Fourth Division club.

Yet the tradition and proud history of Brighton Soccer Club lives on, a history which has earned Brighton an enviable niche in the annals of Victorian soccer.

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# U.S. LOOKS TO MARADONA

THE Americans may have found a way to revive their dream of turning soccer into a nation-wide spectator sport.

Falling attendances and folding clubs have drastically reversed the progress of previous years.

Now, the word is the Americans think they have the answer — Argentinian superstar Diego Maradona.

Whispers persist that Tampa Bay Rowdies — where Gordon Jago is in charge — are working out a deal with Brazilian club Sao Paulo to buy Maradona from Boca Juniors, who are believed to be heavily in debt.

Backers and sponsors are said to be getting together to help Sao Paulo pay ten million dollars to buy Maradona.

Tampa would also contribute to the cost — and share Maradona's talented and eye-catching services.

It was the legendary Pele who gave North American soccer lift-off when he joined New York Cosmos after coming out of retirement.

Four years ago, in the mood of post-Pele euphoria, the

League expanded to 24 clubs. Next season, only 16 teams will be in action.

Tampa themselves are in the process of taking over Dallas Tornado. Atlanta Chiefs have gone.

So have California Surf and Jimmy Hill's Washington Diplomats.

Players and managers are staring redundancy in the face. Former Football League players on temporary work permits could be deported if they fail to find another North American club.

For the Murphy family, for instance, the dream is indeed a nightmare. Manager Ken went down in Washington. Playing side Aston Villa, and West German left stranded in Atlanta.

Amid all the gloom, NASL commissioner Phil Woosnam remains confident. "We'll bounce back," he says. There are those, however, who doubt whether even Maradona can guarantee that.



## Liverpool in last eight

European Cup holder Liverpool shrugged off its indifferent form of recent months when it drew 2-2 with AZ 67 Alkmaar of the Netherlands in their second-round first-leg soccer tie in Amsterdam.

Some pundits had written off Liverpool after a poor start this season which left it languishing in 10th place in the English First Division.

But goals by David Johnson and Sammy Lee should guarantee Liverpool a place in the last eight, in which it is likely to be joined by another English side, Aston Villa, and West German champion Bayern Munich.

Villa beat Dynamo Berlin 2-1 in East Germany and West German champion Bayern Munich drew 0-0 with Benfica in Lisbon.

Liverpool, which won Europe's most prized club trophy for the third time when it beat Real Madrid 1-0 in last year's final in Paris, finally came good in Amsterdam's Olympic stadium.

Johnson shot it into a 22nd minute lead and Lee added a second with the cheekiest of lob from outside the penalty area.

But manager Bob Paisley still has some work to do with his defence. Two dreadful blunders after the interval saw Alkmaar pull level through Kees Kist and Pier Tol, although goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, who has displayed a penchant for the bizarre in recent matches, was blameless.

Winger Tony Morley, who was doubtful right up until kick off, was Ashton Villa's hero in Berlin with two beautifully taken goals. But goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer him close by saving a penalty.

Dynamo's only reply came through Hans-Juergen Riediger, the most exciting attacker in East German football.

Brussels was the stage for the other big tie of the round and rejuvenate Anderlecht delighted all lovers of attacking football with a 3-1 win over Juventus of Italy.

Willy Geurts struck twice

for Anderlecht with Belgian international midfielder Frankie Vercauteren adding the third. Domestic star, Roccochino provided Juventus's only moment of consolation.

Scotland's Aberdeen, first-round conqueror of UEFA Cup holder Ipswich of England was in good form again, beating Rumanian visitor Arges Piestri 3-0.

All three goals came in the first half, through Gordon Strachan, Peter Weir and John Hewitt — before Arges belatedly changed its goalkeeper.

**EUROPEAN CUP** — Second round first leg: Banik Ostrava (Czech) 1, Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 1; Austria Wien (Austria) 0, Dynamo Kiev (USSR) 1; CSKA Sofia (Bulg) 2, Glenora (N Ire) 0; Anderlecht (Belg) 3, Juventus (It) 1; AZ 67 Alkmaar (Neth) 2, Liverpool (Eng) 2; Benfica (Port) 0, Bayern Munich (W Germ) 0; Dynamo Berlin (E Germ) 1, Aston Villa (Eng) 2; KG Copenhagen (Den) 1, Universitat Craiova (Rum) 0.

**EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS** — Second round first leg: Army Sports Rostov (USSR) 1, Eintracht Frankfurt (W Ger) 0; Legia Warsaw (Pol) 2, Lausanne (Switz) 1; Bastia (Fr) 1, Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR) 1; Vasas Budapest (Hung) 0, Standard Liege (Belg) 2; Porto (Port) 2, Roma (It) 0; Lokomotiv Leipzig (E Ger) 1, Velez Mostar (Yug) 1; Dundalk (Ir) 1, Tottenham Hotspur (Eng) 1; Dukla Prague (Czech) 1, Barcelona (Sp) 0; Beveren (Belg) 2, Hajduk Split (Yug) 3.

**UEFA CUP** — Second Round, first leg — Aris Salonika (Gr) 1, Lokeren (Belg) 1; Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1, PSV Eindhoven (Neth) 0; Feyenoord Rotterdam (Neth) 2, Dynamo Dresden (E Ger) 1; Grapshoppers Zurich (Switz) 2; Radnicki Nis (Yug) 0; Malmoe (Sweden) 0; Neuchatelamax (Switz) 1; Southampton (Eng) 2; Sporting Lihen (Port) 4; Spartak Moscow (USSR) 2, Kaiserslautern (W Ger) 1; Aberdeen (Scot) 3, Arges Piestri (Rum) 0; Bordeaux (Fr) 2; Hamburg (W Ger) 1; Real Madrid (Sp) 3, Carl Zeiss Jena (E Ger) 2; Inter Milan (It) 1; Dynamo Bucharest (Rum) 1; Valencia (Sp) 2; Boavista Porto (Port) 0; Interstad (Bel) 1, Arsenal (Eng) 0; Sturm Graz (Aust) 2, Gothenburg (Sweden) 2; Molenbeek (W Ger) 2, Dundee Utd (Scot) 0.

**Bend Schuster, the West German star of the 1980 European Championships who gained a lucrative contract with Barcelona, has told national team boss Jupp Derwall he doesn't want to play for his country again while Paul Breitner and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge "are running the show".**

Breitner himself broke off diplomatic and playing relations with the national team five years ago and it's only recently the Bayern Munich skipper has made his peace with the German Federation.

Another top Yugoslav looks destined for English soccer. Sunderland are bringing over 28 year old international defender Jalmar Vidovic from Sarejevo for a two week trial. If a deal goes through Vidovic will only cost around \$200,000.

Although Manchester United turned down a \$1,500,000 offer from Arsenal for England winger Steve Coppell I have a hunch the player will leave Old Trafford soon after having spent around \$7 million on new players in the past five weeks Ron Atkinson will have to sell.

Scottish Premier League side Aberdeen have splashed out \$160,000 on a luxury club coach which is equipped with TV, video recorder, micro-wave oven, hotplate etc.

Struggling Leeds United paid Nottingham Forest \$800,000 for Scottish international defender Kenny Burns. Forest brought Burns for \$800,000 four years ago from Birmingham and he became Footballer of the Year in his first season under Brian Clough.

Marc Falco, the young Tottenham striker who has scored nine goals in nine games is out for the rest of the season with ankle ligament injuries sustained in the League Cup match with Manchester United.

Tony Brown, who had been with West Bromwich Albion for nearly 19 years during which time he made over 575 first team appearances and scored 218 goals has joined Bruce Riech with Torquay United on a free transfer.

Another Fourth Division club is flying the distress signal. Peterborough recorded a loss of nearly \$104,000 last season and the directors have had to personally chip in at the bank to keep down their overdraft and offset the soaring interest rates.

Watford supporters get a free pint of beer from their local on Thursdays providing the club have not been beaten the previous Saturday. Elton John's team have linked up with local brewers Benkins.

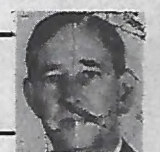
Chelsea players have been in a trance lately under hypnotherapist David Canova. Also under Canova's spell is Justin Fashanu the former Adelaide City guest striker now with Nottingham Forest. Who is finding goals hard to come by since he left Norwich City.

Barrie Clarke, an almost unknown Englishman whose claim to fame in U.K. was he played with Derby County reserves and non-league Loughborough Town is quietly steering Canada on a course that could take them to the World Cup Finals in Spain. Clarke, 49, the Canadian

# SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

## SCHUSTER SHUNS GERMANY

From JIM COOK  
our European  
correspondent



national coach, got his side through the first qualifying series when they beat United States and drew 1-1 with Mexico in front of 100,000 fans at the Aztec Stadium. In the second round qualification series in Honduras in November they are pitted with the home team, Cuba, Haiti, El Salvador and Mexico. And my information suggests Canada and Mexico are the favourites to get a berth in Spain.

Liverpool fans will soon flood into Anfield through the Bill Shankly gates, ornamented in memory of the manager who made them great.

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland team manager, left George Best out of his final squad of 17 for their World Cup game with Scotland saying: "Best is not fit enough for a match as important as this."

Arsenal increased their offer to \$2 million for Steve Coppell of Manchester United but this was also rejected.

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager has caused resentment among managers by issuing a startling invitation to top players whose contract expires at the end of the season to drop in a line if they would like to play for Everton.

Grandstand, British Television's longest running sports programme, is now 23 years old and Len Martin who read the classified football results when the show started in October 1958 is still putting over the scores.

Southampton are reported to have lined up a successor for Dave Watson the England defender who is unhappy at the club. Player they have their sights on is Argentinian World Cup captain Danny Passarella who has openly stated he wants to play in England. Manchester United tried to buy Passarella three years ago but his club River Plate quoted too high a price. He can now be got for less than \$1,000,000.

Terry Cooper, the former Leeds and England defender now player-manager of Third Division Bristol Rovers is tipped to become Cardiff City's new manager.

Paul Went certainly didn't last long as boss of struggling Orient in the Second Division — 19 days in fact from the time he was appointed until he got the axe.

Wolves' board of directors are pressing manager John Barnwell hard to sell Scottish international striker Andy Gray for around \$2 million so they can reduce their debts at the bank. Barnwell doesn't want to sell Gray, the player doesn't want to leave Wolves and says he is being tossed around like a "rag doll". If he does go Gray could join Leeds United who have already had a near million offer turned down. Gray was Britain's most expensive player until Bryan Robson joined Manchester United.

It looks like the end of the road for George Best in British soccer after he and his team were thrashed 8-2 by Third Division Brentford. San Jose were down to play Exeter City the night after the Brentford debacle but with Best injured the Devon club cancelled the match at the last moment.

Rumania's entire coaching staff was sacked following their World Cup defeat by Switzerland. The coaching

staff was led by Stefan Kovacs.

Scotland have now made the World Cup finals for the third consecutive series and this gave Jack Stein scope for a dig at England when he said: "Scotland have got through on their own bait." Scotland, undefeated in seven games, still have to play Portugal which is now only a pleasure trip to Lisbon.

Ally McLeod, former Scotland team boss and recently sacked by Motherwell, is meantime concentrating on his pub in Kilmarnock. But Ally of Argentinian fame is wanted by Portuguese club Vitoria Setubal.

West Bromwich Albion sponsors BSR are offering a \$2000 award for any goal scored by a WBA player within 90 seconds of the kick-off.

Brendan Batson, the Grenada born defender and England "international of West Bromwich is likely to be the next big name to move from the Birmingham club who have already netted \$7 million this season for Bryan Robson, Remi Moses and Peter Barnes. Batson is likely to fetch around \$800,000 if he insists on a move.

Hungary easily beat Switzerland without two of their regular defenders Martes and Balant, both of whom were under suspension.

Kenny Allen, keeper of top Fourth Division side Bournemouth tried to punch out the goalkeeper during a training session. Result: he broke his wrist and will be out of action for two months.

Pools winner Alan Millar plans to give some of his \$202,000 to help local side Frickley Athletic who play in the Alliance League (top non-league competition outside of league soccer). Millar, a lorry driver, may even buy them a star player.

Trevor Morris, 61, one of the most able administrators in British soccer, is retiring as secretary of the Welsh Football Association after 11 years service after being out of action for several months with a heart complaint.

Angry Arsenal shareholders accused the board of 30 years of mismanagement and turning supporters against the club at their packed AGM recently. Comments were that winning two league championships in 28 years is not good enough and they would rather be league winners than in debt. The richest club in the Second Division. An obvious inference to the club having to sell stars like Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton without being able to splash out on adequate replacements.

Billy Bingham the former star who had a big string of international caps for Northern Ireland between 1952 and 1964 and is now part-time manager of his country has revealed he turned down the offer to boss Marconi three weeks ago. Bingham whose present contract with Northern Ireland ends in December of this year is hoping that the Irish F.A. president Harry Cavan and his conciliators will retain his services but on a full-time basis especially if they make the World Cup Finals in Spain for as my Irish informant says it would be a bloody joke if Ireland went with a part-time manager.

## ZIKA NIKOLIC

### NEUSPEH U KINI

Poše trenutnog uspeha na Omladinskom prvenstvu sveta, mlada reprezentacija je otisla kao apsolutni favorit na turnir Coca — Cole u Pekingu i pukla kao mehur od sapuna. S.A.D. su nas pobedile sa 2:1, a Egipat sa 2:0, tako da nam ne gine poslednje mesto, ako ne napravimo cudo protiv Kine, koja je pregazila S.A.D. sa 5:1. Razloge ovoga neuspeha moza nikad necemo saznati, ali je jasno da je nogomet igra koja se stalno icki. Otirog, koji se uspeva na lovorikama, vreme nemilosrdno pregazi. Tako je bilo sa nama pred polazak u Pekin. Posli smo samouvereno da se vratimo sa peharom, a donecemo drugu kasku.

### IZNENADJENJE U KUPU CETVORKE

Iduce subote na Olympic Parku sastaju se u finalu State League Cup-a Croatia i Doveton, dok ce se mooni i izvikani Ajax boriti sa Croydonom za utesnu trecu nagradu. Doveton je iznenadjenje turnira, jer njegov ulazak u finale nije niko ocekivao. Croatia ce sve uciniti da dobije ovaj susret, jer bio podigao njen ugled i poboljsao sanse za ulazak u Philips ligu. U polufinalu Doveton je pobedio Ajax sa 2:1, dok je Croatia savladala borbenog Croydona sa 3:1.

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U prvom kolu makedonskog turnira u Viktoriji, postignuti su sledeci rezultati:  
**AQUILLA STEEL — WHEATLESEA/BERANCI 3:0 (2:0).**

**MAKEDONIJA (DRUGI TIM) — ALTONA GATE 2:0 (1:0).** Sudije je seckao igru i ostetio Altonu Gate sa dva jedanaesterca po misljenju domacnog tima, koji je zavrteo sa 10 igara, posto je Vlado Kotovski dobio crveni karton. Strci: Brian Coyle u 15. i Riste Nedevski u 62. minutu. Makedonija je nastupila u sledecem sastavu: C. Demirov, B. Atanasovski (Z. Ristovski od 68. minuta), V. Stojanovski, J. Belevski, A. Christov, R. Nivevski, S. Magjanov, C. Opasidis, C. Stoykov, B. Coyle, B. Kerevski (D. Micevski).

Prjednje dve utakmice su igrane na igralistu Altona Gate, dok su se u Geelongu sastali sledeci timovi:

**GEELONG WEST/MAKEDONIJA — CARLTON/VARDAR 2:0 (1:0).**  
**MECO HOLDING — PASCOE VALE/PELISTER 3:1 (1:0).**

U Sheppartonu je utakmica izmedju Shepparton City-a i LALOR United/Sloge prekinuta 13 minuta pre kraja kod stanja 2:1 (0:1) za domaci tim, koji je odradio sudiju za ovaj susret. Sloge je povel sa 1:0 preko Tome Tasevskog, ali je poele odmeki zbog loseg sudjenja doslo do niza incidenta, dok publika nije pravila u igraliste i izazvala prekid utakmice.

Iduce nedelje 1. Novembra igra se drugo kolo Makedonskog turnira na igralistu Altona Gate, Paisley Reserve, Mills Street, North Altona, My.55 C.5. Raspored utakmica je sledeci:

West Geelong/Makedonia — Mecco Holding.  
Shepparton ili Lalor Utd. — Ilinden i.  
Makedonia — Aquilla Steel.

### JUNIORSKI TURNIR U MELTONU

J.U.S.T.-ov tim ispod 14 godina pozvan je u zadnji cek da ceustevuje na turniru u Meltonu. PLAVI su se sakupili na brzini i vratili se kao pobednici, posto su u finalu pobedili domacina Meltona sa 4:1 (1:1). Strci: Janos Volf 3 i Mario Marjanovic 1. Sastav: Vlado Mitrovic, Stasa Perdiv, Vaso Kovacevic, Janos Volf, Zoran Ivkovic, Steven Hatzopoulos (Zeljko Karic), Peter Costandimic, Milan Djurdjevic (Mario Marjanovic), George Costandimic, Radovan Barjaktarevic, Lazo Vidacic (Goran Simic).

JUST-ovi juniori ce zavrsti sezonu sa velikom zabavom 21. novembra na kojoj ce nastupiti folklorna grupa Jugoslovenskog kulturno-umetnickog drustva Melbourne.

### DOVIDJENJA IDUCE GODINE

Sa ovim brojem urednistvo i saradnici "Soccer Action" odlaze na zasluzeni odmor posle neumornog rva na unapredjenju nogometa na ovom kontinentu. Sve sto se dogodilo na nogometnom polju mogi ste naci procitati u "Soccer Action", cak i na svom jeziku. Jedino se "Soccer Action" borio protiv prunodne asimilacije i ocuvanje imena i zaluga etnickih klubova na ovom kontinentu. "Soccer Action" ce poceti ponovo da izlazi iduce godine pred pocetak nocnog Ampol Kupa u Melburnu.

## New-look league?

The English Football League want to turn back the clock and reorganise lower grade football.

They propose to scrap the present Fourth Division, then bring in six top Alliance Premier League clubs and form three Third Divisions — North, Midlands and South.

But their scheme to give the game a facelift doesnot include any streamlining of the First Division.

There have been suggestions for more than 20 years that the top division should be trimmed.

But the ideal was never adopted. And League secretary Graham Kelly, announcing yesterday's 12-point plan to restructure the game, admitted that many clubs were against reducing the First Division.

The new president of the Football League, Notts County chairman Jack Dunnett, explained: "This is a consultative document agreed by the management committee after three meetings."

He added: "We regard it as an attempt to help Third and Fourth Division clubs, particularly in view of the current collapse in gates."

"So far this season, First Division attendances are down by four per cent. Second Division by seven per cent and the Third Division by an alarming 26 per cent."

"Only in the Fourth Division is there an increase — and that is due almost entirely to Sheffield United's attendances."

If the scheme eventually goes ahead it would certainly ease the travelling expenses for little clubs.

It was way back in 1958 that the League scrapped the old North and South Third Divisions and introduced a Fourth Division.

The plan also calls for the reorganisation of the League Cup with an extra round involved.

And it suggests an Associate Members' Cup competition for clubs in the three Third Divisions.

The plan will be discussed by Third and Fourth Division club chairmen next month but Kelly echoed Jack Dunnett when he said: "It is all at a very early stage. There is no deadline for these proposals."



# Elias Figueroa: Beckenbauer of Sth America

By PAUL MOON

The past decade has seen just two truly great sweepers — Franz Beckenbauer and Elias Figueroa. Beckenbauer's exploits are legendary, but Figueroa's career has been relatively obscure, due primarily to his inclusion in invariably mediocre Chilean national teams.

Figueroa was born in the seaport of Valparaiso in 1947 and spent the early part of his career with the local Wanderers club.

Capped by the Chile youth team in 1964, he was promoted to senior international status two years later and has been first choice for his country ever since.

Inevitably impoverished Wanderers could not retain his services and in 1967 he moved to Penarol. Here he won two Uruguayan League Champions' medals and was a member of the side defeated by Estudiantes (Argentina) in the final of the 1970 Libertadores Cup.

A transfer to Brazil's Internacional Porto Alegre enabled the ex-Wanderer to continue his globe-trotting.

The outstanding player in a superb combination, which he captained, Figueroa was unchallenged as South America's premier defender.

Chile's qualification for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany gave Figueroa the opportunity to display his ability on the international stage.

Drawn against Australia, East Germany and West Germany, the Chileans conceded just two goals in their three games, due largely to the efforts of their tireless, ultra-effective sweeper.

Chile failed to advance beyond the first round, yet Figueroa was acknowledged as the tournament's best defender and upon returning home gained further honor when named as South American Footballer of the Year.

A Figueroa header enabled Internacional to win the 1975 Brazilian Championship final, ironically against Cruzeiro. This was to prove the swan song with Porto Alegre.

Homelessness was the prime reason for a return to Chile, signing for Palestino, an "ethnic" club run by the Palestinian Arab community of Santiago.

Within months of joining his new team, Figueroa had scored the winning goal in the Chilean Cup final and gained

his third successive South American Footballer of the Year accolade, an unprecedented record.

Palestino's 1978 league success, its first for 23 years, enabled the veteran to claim the unique achievement of having obtained Champions' medals in three different countries.

A freak accident in training almost proved fatal, but he recovered in time to accept a two-year contract worth \$100,000. This at 32 years of age.

When the contract expired Figueroa decided to move abroad again.

First it appeared that Bolivian Champion Jorge Wilsterman would secure his signature, offering \$20,000 a game, but the NASL's Fort Lauderdale Strikers produced even better terms and the Chilean was Florida-bound.

Figueroa's American experience was short and not particularly sweet. Strikers refused to release him for World Cup duty and the new lifestyle was not to his liking, consequently a transfer was demanded.

It is unlikely that he will play beyond 1982. Chile's recent World Cup qualification will offer an appropriate finale in Spain.

After finally hanging up his boots, Figueroa will not be idle. He established a coaching school in Santiago and such was his reputation as a coach that international Porto Alegre supporters started a campaign to lure him back in that capacity two years ago. Only recently he conducted courses in Chile.

In Brazil he studied for a law degree and may yet take up the legal profession.

The Chilean also has had experience as a male model, television commentator and recording artist.

Throughout South America he is held in the esteem that Sir Donald Bradman commands in Australia. Whatever the future holds, it is doubtful that the Figueroa family ever will have to worry about the price of steak.

# New Zealand, China in line for finals

The showdown in FIFA's furthest-flung World Cup section started on September 24, when China and New Zealand draw 0-0 in Peking and ends on December 19, when it's the turn of Saudi Arabia to play hosts to the Kuwaitis.

Two teams from the group of four, which also includes Kuwait go on then to Spain.

And already one thing is certain: that will mean two new countries in the World Cup Finals, for none of these four has ever previously been named of going so far in the world's premier football tournament.

Qualifying Group One Results: New Zealand 3, Australia 3 — Fiji 0, NZ 4 — Taiwan 0 — Indonesia 0, NZ 2 — Australia 0, NZ 2 — Australia 2, Indonesia 0 — NZ 5, Indonesia 0 — NZ 2, Taiwan 0 — Fiji 0, Indonesia 0 — Fiji 2, Taiwan 1 — Australia 3, Taiwan 2 — Indonesia 1, Taiwan 0 — Taiwan 2, Indonesia 0 — Fiji 1, Australia 4 — Taiwan 0, Fiji 0 — Indonesia 3, Fiji 3 — Australia 10, Fiji 0 — NZ 13, Fiji 0, Taiwan 0, Australia 0 — Indonesia 3, Australia 0.

Final table P W D L F A Pts New Zealand 8 6 2 0 31 3 14 Australia 8 4 2 2 22 9 10 Indonesia 8 2 2 4 14 6 6 Taiwan 8 1 3 4 5 8 5 Fiji 8 0 1 3 4 6 3 5

Group Two Results: (all matches played in Riyadh): Iraq 1, Qatar 0 — Syria 0, Bahrain 1 — Iraq 0, S. Arabia 1 — Qatar 3, Bahrain 0 — Syria 0, S. Arabia 2 — Iraq 2, Bahrain 0 — Qatar 2, Syria 1 — Bahrain 0, S. Arabia 1 — Iraq 2, Syria 1 — Qatar 0, S. Arabia 1.

Final table P W D L F A Pts S. Arabia 4 4 0 0 8 0 8 Iraq 3 3 0 1 5 2 6 Qatar 3 2 0 2 5 3 4 Bahrain 4 1 0 3 1 2 2 Syria 4 0 0 4 2 7 0

Saudi Arabia, having won the right to stage the group, were hardly surprising winners — though their record of five goals in four games to take maximum points was pretty grim.

After five or six years in which the Saudis spent heavily in the soccer know-how of England and then Brazil, they are now cutting back on imports, both of players and coaches.

They invested instead in a 250,000 pound preparation programme for their 42-strong squad before this group, taking with them five Brazilian coaches (including manager Rubens Minelli), two cooks, three physiotherapists and a special machine system to ease the players' aches and pains. They all spent three weeks together tuning up in Singapore, staying at the Mandarin Hotel, one of the most expensive.

No cost was spared on the Riyadh tournament. All the teams were put up in the best hotels. Results went according to expectations with the Saudis winning the vital last game 1-0 against Qatar thanks to a goal from midfielder Yusuf Khamis. Saudi defender Nifaoui was voted the best player of the tournament.

Khamis is one of the stars of the recent league and cup double winners, Al-Nasr (they beat Roberto Rivelino's Al-Hilal 3-1) to with the King's Cup Final). Other top players include centre-forward Majid Abdullah, the league's top scorer with 20 goals in 15 games before he suffered a knee injury, and forwards Darwish Said and Abdullah Abdalabdo.

Group Three Results: Malaysia 1, S. Korea 2 — Kuwait 6, Thailand 0 — Thailand 1, S. Korea 5 — Kuwait 4, Malaysia 0 — Thailand 2, Malaysia 2 — Kuwait 2, S. Korea 0 (all matches played in Kuwait).

Final table P W D L F A Pts Kuwait 4 3 0 1 12 6 6 Malaysia 3 2 0 1 7 4 4 S. Korea 3 0 1 2 3 8 1 Thailand 3 0 1 2 3 13 1

Iran withdrew. Again, Kuwait, having won the right to stage the group, were hardly surprising winners — though their total of 12 goals in three games provided more entertainment along

## ASIA/OCEANIA PLAY-OFFS

China 0 New Zealand 0  
New Zealand 1 China 0  
New Zealand 1 Kuwait 0

China 3 Kuwait 0.  
Standings: W D L F A Pts  
China 1 1 1 3 1 3  
New Zealand 1 1 1 2 2 3  
Kuwait 1 1 2 2 2 2  
Saudi Arabia 0 0 0 0 0 0

the way than had the Saudis in group two.

Football only really began in Kuwait in 1958, but they have made rapid strides. Last autumn, under the direction of Brazil's former World Cup winner Carlos Alberto (paid at the rate of 15,000 pounds a month, tax-free) they won the Asia Cup. More recently, since heading their World Cup group, they also carried off the world military championship, beating Qatar 1-0 in the final.

Carlos Alberto, who took over from Mario Zagallo three years ago, had kept five of Zagallo's men for the group — Ahmad Tarabulsi, Fahim Kameel, Jaseem Yaqoub, Faisal Al Dakheel and Saad Al-houti.

They had no problem beating Thailand 6-0 in the first match, then put four past Malaysia — Jaseem Yaqoub, Mahmoud Jumaa (two) and Nasser Al-Ghanem getting the goals. The third game was decided 2-1 against South Korea — and Kuwait had to wait until the second half for the goals from Abdul-Aziz and Nasser Al-Ghanem which secured overall first place. Kuwait have been preparing for the play-off group with a series of matches in Europe. Among other games they lost 1-0 to Hungary, then 1-1 in Portugal with Academico Coimbra, who finished bottom of the first division last season.

Group Four Results: (all played in Hong Kong): Preliminary matches: Hong Kong 0, China 1 — N. Korea 3, Macao 0 — Singapore 0, Japan 1. Group A: China 3, Macao 0 — China 1, Japan 0 — Japan 3, Macao 0. Group B: Hong Kong 1, Singapore 1 — Singapore 0, N. Korea 1 — Hong Kong 2, N. Korea 2. Semi-finals: N. Korea 1, Japan 0 — China 0, Hong Kong 0 (5-4 pen). Final: China 4, N. Korea 2 (after extra time: 90 mins. 2-2).

China officially returned to the FIFA fold three years ago after a 20-year absence provoked, in the first place, by FIFA's mission of Taiwan. But for several years before 1978, FIFA had paved the way for their eventual, inevitable, return by allowing international contact — seen most recently in tours of China by West Bromwich Albion as well as Inter-Milan.

Diplomatically, China and Taiwan were placed in separate sections of the qualifiers. China having to take part in the Hong Kong staged group four played over Christmas 1980 and the new year. In the preliminary round China got off to a good start, beating their hosts with an 89th minute goal by Chen Jing-jang in what was their first World Cup tie for 20 years. Then, in the competition proper, they beat Macao easily 3-0, with one of the goals coming from top player Gu An-Min, nicknamed the 'Asian Beckenbauer', and once a target for Hamberg. 1-0 win over Japan took China on to the semi-finals, where they beat Hong Kong 5-4 on penalties after a draw.

The final against North Korea went to extra time before China won 4-2. A goal down in two minutes, they equalised on half-time through Zhang Xiang-sheng. Chen Xiang-ping put China ahead in the 53rd minute, but a blunder by goalkeeper Li Fu-sheng allowed the Koreans to equalise. However, inspired by captain Chi Shang-bing and Player of the Tournament Rong Zhi-hang, their veteran midfielder, China stayed the pace better to win with extra-time goals from Huang and Gu An-Min.

Recently the national squad toured in Europe to prepare for the play-off group. Among other games they lost only 2-1 to Portuguese double winners, Benfica, and beat West German first division side MSV Duisburg 2-1. They also appointed a European coach for the forthcoming tournament — Horst Buzitz, one-time West German international who played for Torino in Italy in the early 1950s. His Chinese side is Su Yung-shen (From "World Soccer")

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## ΕΛΛΑΣ ΜΕΛΟΥΠΝΗΣ

Με σοβαρότητα και με συγκεκριμένους στόχους άρχισαν να κινούνται οι άνθρωποι της Έλληνικής Μελοποίησης για την νέα σεζόν και για την απόκτηση των παικτών που χρειάζονται. Μετά τον "Έγκαν τον καλύτερο παίκτη" από το Στάιτ Λήγ, ο δεσφός στόχος είναι ένας δυνατός σέντερ φορ που χρόνια τώρα δεν κατάφερε να έχει στις τάξεις της η κινυόλευκος. Προς το παρόν όμως οι υπεύθυνοι της ελληνικής ομάδας δεν κάνουν δηλώσεις και ίσως να είναι καλύτερα έτσι γιατί πολλές φορές πριν να κλείσει μια δουλειά αναφερέται στον τύπο και μοιραία χαλάει για πολλούς λόγους.

## ΑΔΕΛΦΟΤΕΛΕΣ

Είναι σίγουρο ότι και στην νέα ποδοσφαιρική σεζόν ο "Αλέξανδρος" θα έχει για τεχνικό του ήγέτη τον Ικανότατο Αλέν Μακέντε. Οπωσδήποτε όμως οι άνθρωποι του Μέγα θα πρέπει να βοηθήσουν βετικά τον προπονητή τους στο δύσκολο έργο του. Και η πρώτη βοήθεια θα είναι η απόκτηση δύο ή τριών ποδοσφαιριστών για να καλύψουν τα κενά της ενδεκάδας. Έπιστος μάθαμε ότι στο Δ.Συμβούλιο θα έπρεπε ένας πρώην Βαλκικός παρ'όλου ο οποίος στο παρελθόν είχε πάρει άριστα στο νευραλγικό πόστο που είχε.

## ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑ ΠΑΠΑΒΛΑ

Όπως μάς πληροφορεί ο πρόεδρος της Δόξας Γιαννάριος Κ. Τζιμής "Αναστασής", η Γενική Συνέλευση του συλλόγου θα γίνει την 1η Νοεμβρίου και ώρα 1.00 μ.μ. εις το κώλ της εκκλησίας του Αγίου Νικολάου.

Τα θέματα που θα συζητηθούν είναι η πορεία του συλλόγου καθώς και το οικονομικό θέμα.

Όσοι γονείς έπιθυμούν να γράψουν τα παιδιά τους στις ομάδες Τζούνιорς του συλλόγου, μπορούν να έλθουν σε επαφή με το Δ.Συμβούλιο.

## ΚΑΡΑΠΙΝΤΑ

Ομάδα παλαιώντων ίδρυσε η Καραπιντα ή όμοια και ζητάει αντίπλοους. Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι μπορούν να τηλεφωνήσουν στον κ.Δαμνάνο Παπαδόπουλο στον αριθμό: 551-4172.

## ΑΔΕΛΦΟΤΕΛΕΣ

Αθλητικό Σεμινάριο πρόκειται να διοργανώσει ο Αεωνίδας στις 29 Νοεμβρίου.

Όπως μάθαμε στο σεμινάριο αυτό, που θα γίνει στο Κόλλυγουντ "Ευτομέσιον" Σέντερ, θα συζητηθούν πολλά ενδιαφέροντα θέματα γύρω από το ποδόσφαιρο αλλά και σχετικά με την προώθηση του κλασσικού αθλητισμού. Όσοι φίλοι του συλλόγου έπιθυμούν να βρεθούν με τον Αεωνίδα στην "Αδελφότητα" και στην έκδοσή που διοργανώσουν, μπορούν να τηλεφωνήσουν στο 478-7157.

## ΜΑΛΕΣ ΣΙΤΥ

Η Γενική Συνέλευση του συλλόγου θα γίνει την 1η Νοεμβρίου 1981 στο κώλ της εκκλησίας της "Άγιας Αικατερίνης". Έπιστος κάθε Πέμπτη και στο παλιό γήπεδο θα συζητούνται οι προπονήσεις (άνεπιση μες) και από ώρα 7.00 έως 9.00 μ.μ.

## ΗΕΤ ΑΛΤΟΝΑ

Παικτες ζητάει η ομάδα της "Έστ Άλτόνα" η οποία έκότος από τις ομάδες Τζούνιόρς στην νέα σεζόν θα διαθέτει και ομάδα για Σίνιόρς.

## Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ

Κάθε Πέμπτη και άνεπισημα συνεχίζονται οι προπονήσεις της Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ. Όσοι παίκτες θέλουν να φορέσουν την φανέλα της ομάδας του Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν, είναι εύπρος δεκτοί.

## ΚΑΙΣΩΝ ΧΙΛΑ

Ακούσαμε ότι η ομάδα του Κλίφτον Χίλλ σε μια διοργάνωση που θα γίνει στις 29 Νοεμβρίου στο γήπεδο της, θα διεξαχθούν και άγώνες ποδοσφαιρικοί σε ένα "Νίνι Κάπ" όπου έκότος από την διοργάνωση θα μετάσχουν άλλες δύο ομάδες και η "Εν Ποντίων".

## ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Κάθε Τρίτη η Έωση Ποντίων προπονείται στο γήπεδο του Τεχνικού Εθνού του Ρίστουμ και από ώρα 6.30 μ.μ. Όπως μάς είπαν η ομάδα θα ένωχυνθεί για την νέα σεζόν με πολλούς ικανούς παίκτες, έτσι ώστε να κάνει και πάλι πρωταθλητισμό.

## ΟΚΛΑ

Άρκετοι ποδοσφαιριστές έχουν έκδηλωση την έπιθυμία να φορέσουν την φανέλα του Ιστορικού συλλόγου στην νέα σεζόν όπου το "Οκλα" θα άγωνίζεται στο Μετροπόλιταν Λήγ. Σύμφωνα θα άρχίσουν προς το παρόν άνεπισημα οι προπονήσεις στο "Οκλα", ενώ άρχισαν και οι έγγραφες των Τζούνιόρς. Σε λίγες ημέρες θα γίνει και η γυναική των παικτών με το Δ.Συμβούλιο να μάς και με την τεχνική ήγεια του συλλόγου.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

# Robson: million pound talent?

By PAUL MOON

The news that Bryan Robson had joined Manchester United from West Bromwich Albion, for a staggering 1.7 million pounds sterling raised a few eyebrows, but did nothing to their British public's esteem of professional football.

Robson, who still had two years of his contract with Albion to run, responded to manager Ronnie Allen's initial refusal to grant him a transfer by producing some ludicrously sub — standard displays for the Midlands club.

WBA's poor start in the league, plus the humiliating elimination by Zurich Grasshoppers in the UEFA Cup was the last straw for Allen, who reluctantly agreed to the 24-year-old's demand to move.

# Real wants Blokhin

Real Madrid without injured Laurie Cunningham until early in the new year, are seeking a star replacement.

They made a tentative inquiry for Bryan Robson before the England midfielder man moved to Manchester United. Told the price, Real politely asked if that was in pesetas!

Robson thus signed for United prior to the kick off in their home game against Wolverhampton Wanderers. The fee is a British record.

Born in Chester — Le Street, County Durham, Robson joined West Brom directly from school and made his debut for first team at the tail end of the 1974-75 season, scoring twice in his first three matches.

He made 14 appearances during the following promotion year, but the initial taste of First Division soccer was not a happy one.

During the course of the 1976-77 campaign, Robson broke his leg three times!

Once fully fit, though, he soon established himself as

one of England's prime prospects. Operating either in defence or midfield, Robson already had made his mark with the national "B" and under 21 teams before his senior side call-up against Eire.

That fixture in February 1980 the George has been a regular in the England team and one of the few members to enhance his reputation during a particularly bleak period in English soccer history.

Whether or not Robson — or any other soccer player for that matter — is worth such an astronomical fee is, at best, open to debate.

With their unemployment figures over the three million mark, it is little wonder that the English public has grown tired at the exploits of the over-priced egomaniacs who inhabit the Football League.

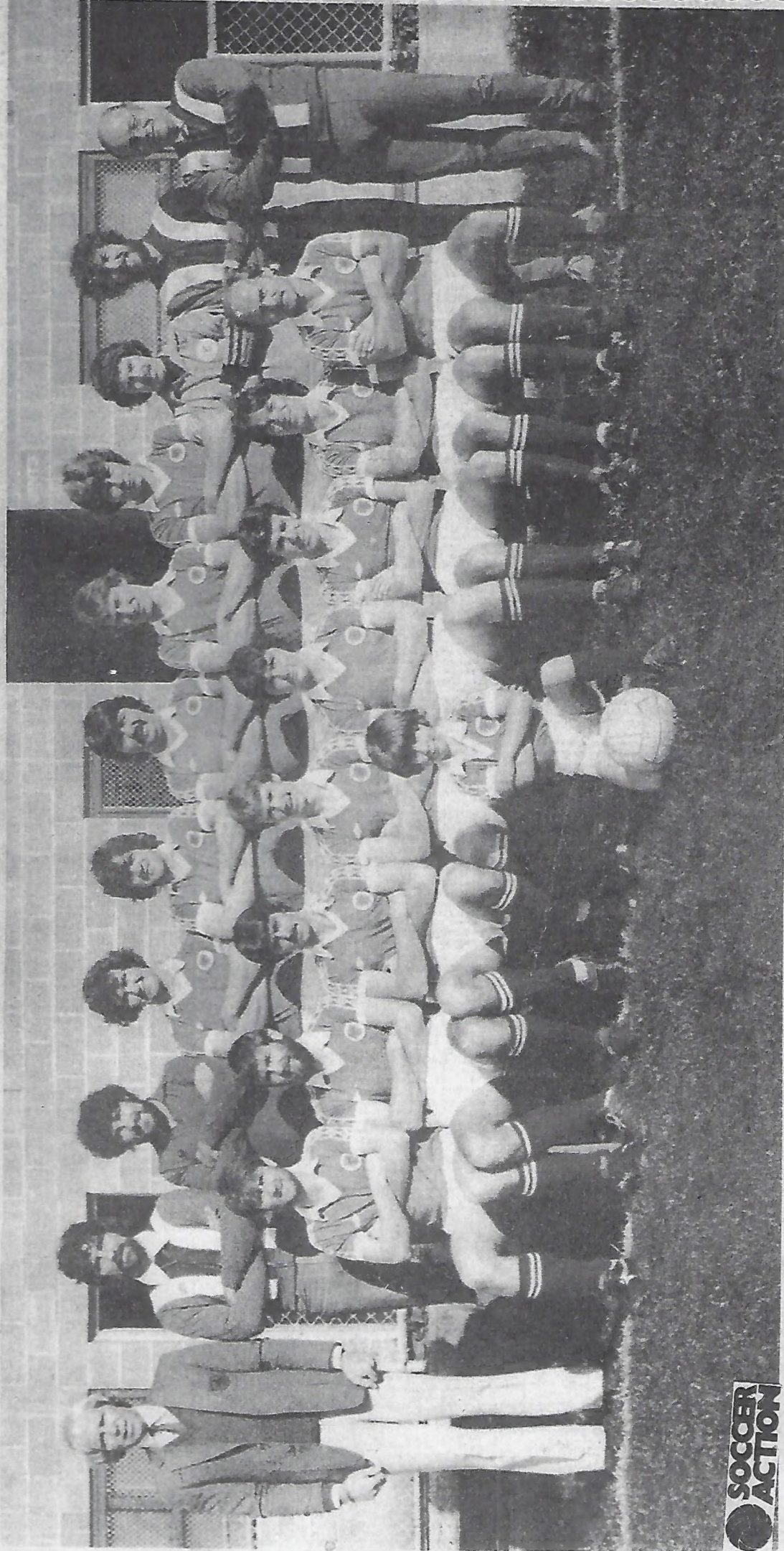
Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson has participated in extravagant transfers before, for it was he who bought David Mills from Middlesbrough in 1979 while managing West Bromwich. This was the first half-million pound deal.

With the unlucky Cunningham now recovering from an operation to a severed tendon in his left knee, Real are looking toward Russia.

Their target is Oleg Blokhin, of Dynamo Kiev, a former European Footballer of the Year. If Real get their man, Blokhin would be the first player let out of the Soviet Union to join a club abroad.



# Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP Brighton ICL



**SOCCER ACTION**

Brighton ICL — 1st team. Teamman 1981 Ampol Cup and State League winners, back row: B. Adams (manager), C. Hindmarch, L. Divenuto, B. Kirkpatrick, K. Swincoe, J. Taylor (Coach), W. Peters, J. Charlton, M. Burden, J. Burt (Manager), G. Arnot (Manager). Front row: C. Hey, S. Collins, I. Parker, P. Forester, D. Donogue, A. Hales, G. Seachill, B. Mackey. Mascot: W. Hindmarch.

Brighton ICL was founded in 1951. State League Champions 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960 and 1981. Runners up 1979. Ampol Cup Winners 1965, 1973 and runners up in 1980. Cadbury Cup Winners 1980, Michael Taylor Cup Winners 1980, runners up 1979. Photograph by P.J. Van Lierop.



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